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LOCAL NOTICES.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

Rare Chances for Gifts

At the Universalist's Fair *this week* at City Hall.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

Trunks, Trunks.

At John Reilly's, No. 58 Market street, three doors from Second street.

TOWELS, one-half former prices, at Barker's closing out *sale.*

Barker's

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Rare Chances for Gifts

At the Universalist's Fair *this week* at City Hall.

TABLE LINENS greatly reduced in price, at Barker's sale.

TABLE NAPKINS at greatly reduced prices, at Barker's sale.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

DR. ADORN will be professionally at his rooms, 134 Smithfield street, from January 15th to the 20th.

HAVE you visited Barker's great sale.

For Holiday Gifts.

Segars, Tobacco, Pipes, Canes, &c., go to L. N. Hall's Tobacco Emporium, No. 134 Wood street, intersection of Liberty street. Drop in and examine our new stock.

Barker's

Great sale continued.

English Champagne Ale.

English Champagne Ale,
Jeffrey's Scotch Ale
Allsop's Knight's Ale,
Bass' English Ale,
Guinness's Dublin Brown Stout.

The people are becoming very sensibly discarding the miserable whisky tonics that are flooding the country, and adopting the above excellent malt liquors as tonics, with great benefit to health. They are invigorating and healthful, and should be used by the weakly of both sexes. We are the agents for the above brands, which are acknowledged to be the best in the market. Sold by the cask or bottle.
Sherry always on hand.
McCLARran & McKennan, Druggists, 85 Market street, corner Diamond, near Fifth street.

Barker's

Great Sale Continued.

PILLOW CASING and Sheeting very cheap, at Barker's.

HOUSEKEEPING GOODS of all kinds reduced in price, at Barker's sale.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

The January Styles

In Ties, Bows, Scarfs, Handkerchiefs, etc., and *Gent's Furnishing Goods generally*, at Putnam & Hough's, No. 72 Fifth street. *More bargains for the Holidays.*

KID GLOVES, cheap, at Barker's great sale.

HOSIERY, reduced in price, at Barker's sale.

Fine Grates,

Summer Fronts and Fenders, for sale at very low rates by Bissell & Co., 75 Liberty street. sw

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

Our Cloak Department

Is supplied with the latest styles, materials and trimmings. The superiority in make and workmanship of garments made by our house is established, and we are offering great bargains in ready-made garments. MELLOR & Co., 98 Market street.

Hot Air Furnaces

And Hot Air Registers, best quality, for sale by Bissell & Co. 25 Liberty street. sw

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

Grand Presentation

To Ticket-holders to the Musical Festivals of the Gutenberg Asylum Association. That such an enterprise as this must meet with opposition from some of the regular dealers in lotteries and the ordinary run of swindling "gift enterprises" is only to be expected; and for those it can have no opposition by many who have conscientious scruples against anything in the form of a lottery, however fairly managed it may be. For ourselves, we would gladly see the Gutenberg Asylum Home created and endowed in some other manner, but how else is it to be created? Let our citizens aid this most worthy object. Tickets for sale at the Music Store of Hoffman, Boehm & Co. No. 75 Fifth street.

BLANKETS, $4 00 per pair, extraordinary bargains, at Barker's sale.

Barker's

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Barker's

Great sale continued.

The Celebrated

Triumph Co. k Stove, for coal, for sale by Bissell & Co., 25 Liberty street. sw

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

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Great Sale continued.

Parlor Stoves,

Heating Stoves, Laundry Stoves, Cook Stoves, Grate Fronts, Fenders, Summer Fronts, &c., for sale by Bissell & Co., 25 Liberty street. sw

Barker's

Great sale continued.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

Leaf Tobacco.

Havana, Yara, Connecticut, New York State, at New York prices, branch of Julian Allen, 172 Water street, New York. Daniel F. Dinan, 75 Water street, Pittsburgh.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

UNDERWEAR for Ladies, Gents and Children, cheap, at Barker's sale.

FOR FLANNELS of all kinds, go to Barker's great sale.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

GLOVES, of all kinds, cheap, at Barker's closing sale.

DOYLIES, all linen, very cheap, at Barker's sale.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

TOWELING in great variety, very cheap, at the sale at Barker's.

BED QUILTS, all kinds, great bargains, at Barker's closing sale.

Barker's

Great Sale continued.

The Daily Commercial

Army of the Cumberland.

To the Officers of the late Army of the Cumberland:

GENTLEMEN: Having been addressed by many of our former comrades from all portions of the country, in relation to the formation of an organization to be known as the "Society of the Army of the Cumberland," we have finally deemed it best to issue a circular, suggesting that immediate action be taken for the speedy consummation of this most honorable and desirable project.

We owe it to ourselves—to the country at large—to the truths of history—to the memories of the dead heroes who went down at our sides on every stricken field where the banners of the "Army of the Cumberland" waved in the forefront of the battle—to the maimed veterans all over the land—to the sanctified ties formed in those bitter days which brought out the manhood and stern metal of the nation, that we no longer neglect so imperative a duty; and one that our noble twin "Army of the Tennessee" has long since performed in a manner so creditable to its own proud record.

Not only the historic past, with its blended memories of exultant triumph and hallowed sadness, but the vital interest of the present and the coming future, which "no man may know," every impulse of the heart, every sentiment of patriotism, every principle of wisdom and of manhood, made it incumbent upon us that this matter be no longer deferred. It is needless, however, to multiply words on this subject.

The lustrous remembrances of Chickamauga, Stone River, Franklin, Perryville, Nashville, and other fields of glory where our columns faced the horrors of a rebellious war, speak for it most forcefully. Your own memories, your own hearts, will plead most eloquently and effectively in its behalf.

In the furtherance of this object, therefore, we respectfully suggest that all officers of the late "Army of the Cumberland," wherever they are, and whatever their occupation, who can possibly do so, will meet in convention at Cincinnati, Ohio, February 6, 1868.

Let us be laggards no longer. Our path is clear, and honor and duty alike beckon us to follow it.

William D. Whipple, Brevet Major-General; E. W. Johnson, Major-General; W. T. Ward, Brevet Major-General; G. P. Thruston, Brevet Brigadier-General; Henry Stone, Brevet Brigadier General; E. A. Otis, Captain.—*Army & Navy Journal.*

Grant in Georgia.

An Atlanta letter says: The name of General Grant is often discussed in private circles as a candidate for the next Presidency. His friends are fast, numerous, and constantly increasing. To him the eyes of the people of the State are turned with hope, although the Republican party are determined, if the State shall have a voice in the next Presidential election, to vote *for any nominee* that national party may bring *before the people.*

FIRST EDITION.

12 O'CLOCK, M.

THE CAPITAL.

THE NEXT PRESIDENCY.

The Soldiers and Sailors' Movement.

Contemplated Removal of Gen. Pope.

Celebration of the 8th of January.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, December 27, 1867.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Convention.

This evening's *Star* says that the committee appointed at a meeting of the delegates from various soldiers' leagues held in this city some two weeks ago to communicate with all the leagues throughout the country and with prominent military men as to the propriety of holding a national convention of soldiers and sailors during next May, for the purpose of nominating a Presidential ticket, report that responses are coming in very favorable from all portions of the country. Among those who approve of the plan are the Governors of two or three States, who were Generals in our army during the late rebellion. Another meeting of the various delegates from the Southern States is to be held here on January 8, when the address to the soldiers of the country will be prepared, and the time and place selected where and when the Convention will be held

The Cabinet.

At the Cabinet meeting to-day all the members were present excepting Attorney General Stanbery and Postmaster General Randall. It was expected that the subject of the contemplated removal of General Pope would be laid before the Cabinet by the President, but upon inquiry it is learned that such was not the case, and outside of considering a few minor items nothing of importance was done.

The Third Military District.

It is believed that General Rousseau will be sent to relieve General Pope in case he should arrive here in season. General Meade, it is understood, does not want the position, but will of course obey orders if sent there. General George H. Thomas has been named in this connection, but the same objections urged against General Pope would probably be advanced against him.

The Danish Treaty.

It seems to be generally understood among those Senators who are in town that the Senate will not ratify the treaty with Denmark.

Eighth of January.

Great preparations are being made for an eighth of January demonstration by the Democrats here. Efforts will be made to secure the attendance of leading Democrats from all parts of the country.

General Logan

Lectured to-night before the Grand Army of the Republic of this city.

WASHINGTON, December 27, 1867.

OPEN HOUSE.

The Executive Mansion and residences of Cabinet ministers, and Speaker Colfax, will be opened to visitors New Years day. Mr. Colfax will inaugurate his usual receptions during the Congressional session on January 17.

ARMY BOARD.

The board of officers for the revision of the army regulations, composed of Generals Sherman, Sheridan and Auger, will not meet for some days, in consequence of the absence of Gen. Sheridan.

REVENUE STAMPS.

Commissioner Rollins invites designs for Internal Revenue Stamps, or plans for their construction, to be submitted for examination before the first of February, with a view to their adoption, if found satisfactory and effectual.

GEN. SHERMAN

Arrived yesterday from New York, with his daughter and son, and to-day called on and remains with the President, General Grant and Secretary McCulloch.

POPE'S SUCCESSOR.

The President has not decided yet who will be General Pope's successor, but it is said the position has been offered to General Sherman.

BOUNTY CLAIMS.

The Second Auditor, Mr. French, estimates that it will take about twelve months to investigate and answer the quarter of a million bounty and other claims on file in his Department.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS.

The receipts at customs for the week ending on the 21st inst. were $1,505,306.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

The choice for the President of the Convention, to be held at Columbia, South Carolina, will be G. Mackey, Collector of Charleston. The prospective nominee for Governor is Judge Wooding, former District Tax Commissioner.

THE FUNERAL OF GEN. GRIFFIN

Will take place here to-morrow. The body will be taken to Oakville Cemetery, near Georgetown, for interment, accompanied by a full military escort. An official order from the War Department states that Gens. Emory, Ricketts, Carr, Hunter, Hardee, Humphreys, Rawlins and Auger will be pall bearers.

CABINET MEETING.

Only minor matters were considered at the Cabinet meeting to-day. The case of General Pope was not considered. The Attorney General and Postmaster General were not present.

SEIZURES.

The Potomac distillery and the rectifying establishment of White have been seized for evading revenue laws.

MINERAL WEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES.

Commissioner Wilson, of the General Land Office, has written a very interesting paper on the mineral wealth of the United States. He gives a great deal of valuable information about the coal mines of the country. A few weeks ago the British Minister *ad interim* called on the Commissioner to make inquiries in regard to the extent of American coal beds, and which time he said the mines of Great Britain were very nearly exhausted. The document is intended to accompany the report of the Commissioner to Congress.

INTEREST ON 5-20s.

On Wednesday next about twenty-three million dollars in coin will be taken from the vaults of the Treasury to pay the semi-annual instalment of interest on the 5-20 bonds of 1867 and 1868, and the semi-annual interest on the bonds of 1881.

OUR FINANCIAL POLICY.

Letter from Secretary McCulloch

NEW YORK, December 27.—The President of a Boston bank has received the following letter:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, December 24, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 21st inst. is received. There is a good deal of difference of opinion among members of Congress in regard to what shall hereafter be our financial policy. At the commencement of the session it seemed that the inflationists were a decided majority, but before adjournment for the holidays, a more conservative spirit was manifested, and I am quite hopeful that there will be no legislation by the present Congress favorable to the views of General Butler or very averse to those of the Secretary. We shall know better, however, when Congress again convenes. With thanks for the uniform support which I have received at your hands, I remain, very truly yours, H. MCCULLOCH.

LOUISIANA.

Breaks in the Levee---Starving Negroes to be Fed to Work---Negro Depredations in the Interior---Military Seat Out.

NEW ORLEANS, December 26.—Two serious breaks have occurred in the levee, one below Plaquemine and the other below Bayou Manchac, threatening to overflow the lands and submerge the country to Lake Ponchartrain and the Jackson railroad. A large force of men have been placed upon the latter break to repair damages and prevent further destruction of property.

General Hancock has telegraphed for authority to place the starving negroes at work on the levee generally, and issue to them rations. Accounts from parishes in the interior state that the negro depredations continue. A large military force will be necessary to be added, to prevent a rising of the loyal leaguers. The military forces have quietly disbanded large assemblies of armed negroes at Jackson and East Feliciana.

The Convention adjourned at two and reassembled at five, and is still, at nine o'clock, in session. The report of the committee for draft of the Constitution is still up for consideration.

The Advertiser contains a letter from ex-Senator Fitzpatrick, of Alabama, stating the evils to follow the ratification of the proposed constitution. He regards it at war with the civilization of the age, and believes it will produce disorder and conflict of the races. He advocates a defeat of the constitution and the adoption of one more in accordance with the genius of our institutions.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

More Fenian Outrages,

Infernal Machines Sent by Mail.

A POLICEMAN HORRIBLY MANGLED.

Payment of Italian Coupan Bonds.

Rothschilds Enjoined by the Pope.

CHANGE IN AUSTRIAN CABINET.

Dissolution of Italian Parliament.

NEW GOVRNMENT OFFERED CANDIA

The Fenians.

LONDON, December 27.—Another of those fiendish outrages which have characterized the operations of the Fenian Brotherhood has just been perpetrated at Dublin. Telegrams from there received to-day give the following particulars: An unusually large number of letters have recently been received at the postoffice at Dublin, directed to prominent officials. Each one of these letters was loaded with explosive materials, designed to kill the person addressed. Several exploded before their real nature was ascertained, but up to this time no person has been killed. A policeman who received one of these letter was horribly mangled by its explosion. It is not known how many of these dangerous missives have been dispatched. Considerable excitement prevails both in Dublin and elsewhere throughout the country on the discovery of this, the latest Fenian outrage. The authorities are actively investigating and will no doubt probe the matter to the bottom.

The *Times* has an editorial article on the Fenian question. It says that no less than 30,000 special constables have been sworn in and are now doing service in London. The writer calls attention to grave public danger, and calls on the provincial cities and towns to emulate the precautionary measures of the metropolis.

Dickens's Success.

LONDON, December 27.—Detailed accounts of the successes of Dickens's readings in Boston and New York are received here by mail, and published and commented upon by the London journals. The *Times* praises the Americans for their magnanimity in giving Dickens such a hearty reception.

Payment of the Italian Bonds.

PARIS, December 27.—The *Monitenr* contains an official notice that the coupons of the Italian bonds will be paid.

Austrian Cabinet.

VIENNA, December 27.—By the rearrangement of the Austrian Cabinet, Baron Von Beust ceases to be President of the Ministerial Council, but retains the portfolio of Minister of Foreign Affairs, which he has all along held in connection with the former position.

General Napier.

LONDON, December 27.—A dispatch from India announces the departure from Bombay of General Napier for Massowah, to take immediate command of the troops now advancing into the interior of Abyssinia.

Italian Parliament.

FLORENCE, December 27.—It is said General Menabrea has declared his intention to dissolve the National Parliament now in session, on the 15th proximo, and make an appeal to the country, should another vote unfavorable to the ministry be adopted before that time.

The Rothschilds Enjoined by the Pope.

PARIS, December 27.—The Pope has enjoined the Rothschilds against paying the coupons on Italian bonds in this city.

New Government Offered Candia.

LONDON, December 27.—There is a report that the Sublime Porte has offered to concede to Candians an autonomous Government, and named Prince Christian as its head.

The Zolverein.

BERLIN, December 27, evening.—A general council of the Zolverein, in which all the States of North and South Germany are to be represented, will be held in this city in March.

Troops Withdrawn from Saxony.

Prussia, to-day, commenced withdrawing her troops from all parts of Saxony, except the Fortress of Konigstein.

Shipping Intelligence.

QUEENSTOWN, December 27.—The steamer China, from Boston, arrived to-day.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Friday, December 27.—Consols 93@93¼ for money, and 93¼ for account. American securities quiet and steady. Illinois Central closed flat, 84@86; Erie 40¼; Illinois Central 85@86; Erie 40¾.

U. S. Bonds at Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, Evening, December 27.—United States bonds 76¾.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, December 27.—Cotton closed without improvement; middling uplands 7¾d; Orleans 7¾d; sales 10,000 bales.

Messrs. Wolff Brokers' Circular to-day reports as follows: Sales of the week 61,000 bales, of which 10,000 were to speculators and exporters; stock 457,000 bales, of which 57,000 are American. Manchester market for yarns and yarns inactive and heavy.

Wheat and flour unchanged. Corn declined 1s. and No. 2 Milwaukee red advances to 34s 3d. Common rosin had declined to nearly 7s common Wilmington. Other articles without change.

Antwerp Petroleum Market.

ANTWERP, December 27, Evening.—Petroleum Heavy, closing the market dull and lower than at the date of last.

MEXICO.

Much Misery in the Republic---The Yucatan Revolution---Santa Anna Declared Dictator---Activity to Suppress the Revolt.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Havana advices from the City of Mexico to the 19th inst., are received.

There was much misery throughout the Republic, in consequence of the exhaustion and disorganization caused by the protracted war for independence. A general call was made upon the Government to take effective measures to prevent the increasing brigandage, to which many people were compelled to resort by hunger.

Peace had been re-established at Tepec.

An official account of the vote for President was to be made in the capital on the 30th. The majority for Juarez is known to be very large.

Several prisoners who were confined in Petro have been liberated.

Many disturbances of public tranquility have taken place in different parts of the Republic.

HAVANA, December 27.—The steamship Virginia, from Vera Cruz, which touched at Sisal on the 23d instant, brings important news from that quarter. The revolution in Yucatan was assuming large proportions. Santa Anna had been proclaimed Dictator by the revolutionists, and was expected hourly to arrive from Havana with men and a million of dollars. The port and town of Sisal were in the hands of the rebels, but the port was blockaded by two Mexican gunboats. A number of officers, who formerly served under the Empire, had arrived at Sisal from Matamoros. On the 16th an engagement took place between the Mexican gunboats and the batteries on shore. The coast of Yucatan, in the vicinity of Sisal, was diligently watched to prevent the landing of munitions coming from any foreign country to aid the rebellion. When the Virginia left Vera Cruz, on the 20th, the Mexican steamer Chihuaco was ready to sail for Sisal on the next day with an expedition to restore the authority of the government at that place. She had on board 500 or 600 men and several pieces of artillery. Santa Anna is in this city. Many ex-imperialist officers have arrived here; they all seem to be very busily engaged.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 27, 1867.

PENIAN ELECTION POSTPONED.

The election of President of the United Fenian Brotherhood, which was to take place today, is postponed to Monday, in consequence of the non-arrival of members of the council.

HAYTIEN CONSUL GENERAL.

The President has recognized George Raster as Consul General of Hayti, at Washington City.

RE-INTERMENT OF SOLDIERS' REMAINS.

Nearly seven hundred bodies, exhumed at Point Lookout during the winter, were brought up to this city yesterday, and taken to Arlington Cemetery for re-interment.

ROBBER ARRESTED.

Levi J. Livingston, a clerk in the office of the Ohio and Mississippi Railway in this city, has been arrested for robbing the safe of $1,100, and confessed the crime.

Dispatches from Sante Fe, New Mexico, of the 17th, says: Chief Justice Slough was shot by Captain Rynerson, member of the Senate, last Sunday. The affair grew out of some strictures passed upon Judge Slough by Captain Rynerson during the session of the Senate, which Slough, who was present, denounced as lies. Rynerson immediately attacked the Judge, shooting him, and after Slough fell, shooting him again, inflicting a mortal wound, from which he died three days after. Judge Slough was Colonel of the First Colorado Cavalry during the war, and at one time commanded at Alexandria, Va.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

An estimate compiled from statistics collected by the Governors of the Southern States, places the number of whites and blacks in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas, who are in a starving condition, at three millions.

The large furniture factory of A. G. Delaporte, of South Boston, was destroyed by fire Thursday night. Loss fifty thousand dollars. Insured for eight thousand.

The Sub-Committee of Ways and Means, after several sessions and controversies with the Secretary of the Treasury, have arrived at the conclusion that the five metre will avail nothing in the matter of preventing frauds in the manufacture of whisky.

It is reported that the firm of Ferry & Pettiman, of North Adams, Massachusetts, manufacturers of woolen goods, have failed, their liabilities being about $125,000.

The report of the Commissioners of emigration so far this year shows an increase in the number of emigrants over last year of 11,622. The cash in the hands of the Commissioners is $11,000 against $34,000 at the same time last year, and an addition to the revenue funds of $300,000.

Jacob Schopp, an old citizen of Belleville, Illinois, whose wife was recently divorced from him, fatally stabbed both her and himself on Thursday.

Hon. C. Pelters, one of the oldest citizens of St. Louis, died Thursday.

Abram Abrahams, the rich pawnbroker of St. Louis, who was convicted a short time since of buying stolen property, knowing it to be stolen, and sentenced to 5 years in the Penitentiary, has been pardoned by the Governor. Abrahams is quite wealthy, and it is currently reported and believed that money was very freely used in procuring his pardon.

The wholesale grocery firm of Carver, Wendover & Co., of St. Louis, failed Thursday. Liabilities half a million.

A serious riot occurred at Hampton, Virginia, on Christmas day. Thomas Lattimer, Deputy Sheriff, while intoxicated, became involved in a dispute with a small negro boy. A colored man took the boy's part, when Lattimer deliberately shot him, inflicting a serious wound in the head. Lattimer then ran into his house. A large number of colored men surrounded the house, caught Lattimer as he attempted to escape, and beat him nearly to death. He was rescued by two colored men and carried to jail.

About twelve months ago the Secretary of the Treasury issued a regulation presenting a change in the mode of destroying the mutilated currency, requiring that it be converted into a mash or pulp for the manufacture of paper instead of burning it as was the practice before that time. Under the new system the Government derives a revenue of some three or four hundred dollars per day, and it is now proposed to amend the law regarding the National Bank so that their mutilated currency may be disposed of in a similar manner. The Finance Committee have had the matter under consideration, and will report a bill early recommending the necessary legislation. The bill also provides for the payment of the mutilated paper intend the works. Should the measure meet with the approbation of Congress it will do away with the necessity of two distinct establishments, the Board of directions. The public are solicited the inhabitants was painful—rushing up the hillside, crying for mercy, and listening to no attempts to pacify them. As I went ashore the following I found that all the stores and dwellings were abandoned, and their owners in the streets, or in the wooden buildings of their friend, the alarm being still kept up by the constant shocks. All that were still occupied on the morning the shocks are less frequent, and the day perfectly quiet. The English mail steamer which had lately arrived, and was coaling in the bay, had no other mode of the harbor, and near being lost as possible. Her passengers speak of having felt the shock as we did, and, looking behind them, saw a great tidal wave their rear as effect in twain and damage and smoke issuing from the fissure. Shortly afterward the sea arose and came well-nigh carrying the vessel on shore. Of course they were thrown, most fortunately, under a lee which placed them in comparative safety.

The Wearing of Mourning.

It is not the custom of our people to symbolize their feelings by a change of dress, and this solitary exception. If a man becomes bankrupt, or has his house burned down, or loses heavily in commercial operations, or has a son in disgrace, or a child misled by evil company, or any other grieffull experience, he does not change his garb. The one solitary and exceptional case is bereavement. Then there is in domestic sorrow a delicacy, or ought to be, which should shrink from an ostentatiousness such as mourning apparel cannot fail to have. No one has a right so to express his sorrows as to introduce them upon every eye wherever he goes.

Custom has long justified it, otherwise, it would be esteemed an indelicacy for one to be a walking advertisement of one's own private affairs. But, even custom is not permitted to announce this one side of domestic experience by change of garb, the question still remains, whether expression should be given to the weakness of nature, or to the triumphs of Christian faith. Whether we should symbolize the darkness of the grave as unenlightened nature shows it, or the light of immortality, which the presence of our Saviour and the glories of immortality beyond it? We may be sure there is something wrong in a Christian community where death is surrounded with the same solemnities as those where the young are reared to a horror of the sepulchre, where present grief rises up like a dark cloud, and shuts out the heavenly light, which, in the services of condolation and dress—everything conspires to shroud death and the grave with darkness. Has sorrow a right to be selfish? May it bear false witness against immortality? Has a child under bereavement a right to declare by his conduct "There is no light in the grave, none beyond it, and no comfort for the bereaved but only black, black, black sorrow?" Is it never met one muffled in black from head to foot without certain horror. The smell of crape is to me like the smell of a charnel house.

Did the Saviour desire to mourners to ask, what, if those for whom I grieve were to speak to me out of their blissful rest in heaven, would be their choice—that I should be shrouded like one in the tomb, or robed like one who mourns but with Christian hope?—*H. W. Beecher.*

Says a London letter: There is no longer a question about the complete success of Miss Kellogg. It is only Patti who could now rival her in London, and if she stays away too long she may find that her old ground is fully occupied.

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK, A. M.

HAVANA.

Santa Anna Not Going to Mexico---Fighting in St. Domingo---Late Mexican News.

HAVANA, December 27.—Santa Anna denies any intention of going to Mexico.

The Imperialists here are exultant over the news from St. Domingo. Many engagements have taken place, in which victories are claimed by the Government, but the Baez party is nevertheless gaining adherents and strength. The only portion of the Island which has proclaimed for Baez is the North, where the principal strength lies. Baez himself remains at Curacoa. The Dominican Commissioner, Pujol, sails to-morrow for New York.

Jefferson Davis leaves to-morrow for New Orleans.

The crew of the brig Jonas Smith, lost on the voyage from Baltimore to Matanzas, have been rescued after fourteen days' exposure in an open boat.

Advices from the City of Mexico are to the 17th inst. The inauguration of President Juarez took place on the previous Sunday. The Mexican Congress will remain in session three months. An excellent opportunity is now afforded for the United States to conclude a commercial treaty with Mexico. Foreigners are narrowly watching the slightest movement in that direction. General Mejia, Minister of War, and Senor Iglesis, Secretary of the Treasury, will both withdraw from the Cabinet.

Ten of the murderers of Col. Sanchez have been shot. Sanchez was President of the Court Martial that tried Maximillian. The concession granted to English parties for completing the Vera Cruz Railroad, may fail to the ground. Much excitement was caused among foreigners by the breaking off of all diplomatic relations between England and Mexico.

Letters from Europe say it is improbable any money will be sent to Mexico. The misery and destitution of the people are very great, and bandits are swarming in all the provinces of the Republic.

Dates from Honduras are to the 15th. Macrae, finding the forests there too dense, has transferred his scheme of emigration to Jamaica. On the 15th inst. the shocks of earthquake had not ceased at Mayaquez.

CINCINNATI.

Distillery Burned---Other Property Damaged.

CINCINNATI, December 27.—The distillery of Boyle, Miller & Co., on Second near Sycamore street, was entirely destroyed by fire this evening. The building contained a large lot of whisky. The engines had no effect on the flames, which ceased only when the entire structure fell in and nothing combustible was left. Their loss on the building, still, machinery and stock is $315,000, insured for $288,000 in New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, New Orleans and the Liverpool and London companies.

The fire extended to numbers 43 and 45 Broadway, owned by John Swaysie & Co., and occupied by Ulm Bros. as a tobacco works. Loss on building and machinery $10,000. The walls of Kahn & Co.'s tobacco works were broken in and the stock damaged to the amount of $10,000. Neimonicke's Exchange and Sterling's clothing store were damaged $3,000 each.

P. Chambers, Assistant Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, was badly injured in the head by a falling wall. Boyle, Miller & Co., were the largest producers of Bourbon whisky in the country.

BOSTON.

A Bank Teller Decamps with $50,000.

BOSTON, December 27.—There was some excitement to-day in financial circles on account of a report that the cash of the receiving teller of the Shawmut Bank, Bynal Henry, fell short $50,000. The following are said to be the facts so far as ascertained: Mr. Henry has been absent from the city a week. He returned on Thursday, and was apparently much cast down. On Friday morning the shocks are less frequent, and the day perfectly quiet. The English mail steamer which had lately arrived, and was coaling in the bay, had no other mode of the harbor, and near being lost as possible. Her passengers speak of having felt the shock as we did, and, looking behind them, saw a great tidal wave their rear as effect in twain and damage and smoke issuing from the fissure. Shortly afterward the sea arose and came well-nigh carrying the vessel on shore. Of course they were thrown, most fortunately, under a lee which placed them in comparative safety.

The Wearing of Mourning.

It is not the custom of our people to symbolize their feelings by a change of dress, and this solitary exception. If a man becomes bankrupt, or has his house burned down, or loses heavily in commercial operations, or has a son in disgrace, or a child misled by evil company, or any other grieffull experience, he does not change his garb. The one solitary and exceptional case is bereavement. Then there is in domestic sorrow a delicacy, or ought to be, which should shrink from an ostentatiousness such as mourning apparel cannot fail to have. No one has a right so to express his sorrows as to introduce them upon every eye wherever he goes.

Custom has long justified it, otherwise, it would be esteemed an indelicacy for one to be a walking advertisement of one's own private affairs. But, even custom is not permitted to announce this one side of domestic experience by change of garb, the question still remains, whether expression should be given to the weakness of nature, or to the triumphs of Christian faith. Whether we should symbolize the darkness of the grave as unenlightened nature shows it, or the light of immortality, which the presence of our Saviour and the glories of immortality beyond it? We may be sure there is something wrong in a Christian community where death is surrounded with the same solemnities as those where the young are reared to a horror of the sepulchre, where present grief rises up like a dark cloud, and shuts out the heavenly light, which, in the services of condolation and dress—everything conspires to shroud death and the grave with darkness. Has sorrow a right to be selfish? May it bear false witness against immortality? Has a child under bereavement a right to declare by his conduct "There is no light in the grave, none beyond it, and no comfort for the bereaved but only black, black, black sorrow?" Is it never met one muffled in black from head to foot without certain horror. The smell of crape is to me like the smell of a charnel house.

Did the Saviour desire to mourners to ask, what, if those for whom I grieve were to speak to me out of their blissful rest in heaven, would be their choice—that I should be shrouded like one in the tomb, or robed like one who mourns but with Christian hope?—*H. W. Beecher.*

Says a London letter: There is no longer a question about the complete success of Miss Kellogg. It is only Patti who could now rival her in London, and if she stays away too long she may find that her old ground is fully occupied.

ALABAMA

Opposition to the New Constitution

MONTGOMERY, December 27.—Nicholas Davis, a prominent Radical of North Alabama, has published a letter indorsing the addresses of Messrs. Semple, Speed and others, protesting against the proposed Constitution. The Huntsville *Advocate*, a Radical organ, calls for the reassembling of the Convention to modify the objectionable features of the proposed Constitution, namely, the clauses about schools, the franchise and registration oaths. The Conservatives all over the State are determined to use every effort to defeat the Constitution.

Dickins in New York.

The New York *Herald* is known to be "down on" Dickens, and omits no opportunity to give him a "dig." Now making all proper allowance for the peculiarities of this paper, we may safely suppose that there is the merest atom of truth and reason in what it says; for instance, the following:

His worshippers, however, having invested their money in his tickets and having honored him with their presence, are beginning to exercise the right to criticise him. So, in the short space between what we may call the first readings the melodrama and the farce, such observations as these might be heard among his hearers and chiefly among the ladies: "Well, I'm disappointed. He can't hold a candle to Fanny Kemble." "Yes, and his style, after you've heard him once, becomes monotonous." "Not exactly monotonous, Lizzy, but singsongy. You will notice that in his narratives, with every four or five words there's a rise and fall on the last two syllables, as if he were reading 'Hiawath,' or something from Job, or the Psalms of David." "Well, he is not singular in that. Rachel had it, and every great preacher or orator that ever I heard had something of that sing-song style when under full headway. I ought to hear those Methodist revival preachers out West; their exhortations are anthems of natural music, and their eloquence is perfectly splendid. By one of those remembered poets readers or orators, with a frame of 32 J. McKeon, 89; J. C. Barr, 37; J. McCabe, 17; J. Savage, 8; D. Ihmsen, 3; T. Bourk, 1; O. Magian, 5. 7th Ward Base Ball Club, 168; Chantry, 122; Dryden, 124. On Base Ball Implements—Good Will, 181; Resolute, 183; Pioneer, 45. On the silver cup to be awarded to the most popular lady friend of the Philadelphia—Miss Mary Harris, 1791; Mrs. J. Strain, 40; Mrs. Savage, 29. On Silver Pitcher, Goblets, &c.—John F. Connolly, 66; W. J. Anderson, 54; J. H. Harris, 49; W. Pittock, 30; J. Blackmore, 30; A. Jackman, 27.

SOCIAL TEMPERANCE REUNION.—A social reunion of the members of Pittsburgh Division, No. 24, Sons of Temperance, together with some invited guests, took place last evening in the elegantly fitted up rooms of the Division, in Mozart Hall, Seventh street. Owing to the inclement state of the weather in the early part of the evening, there was not as large an attendance as there would otherwise have been, but still there was a fair number present, who passed the evening very pleasantly. An excellent lunch was in attendance, and the greater part of the evening was spent in promenading around the elegantly furnished room of the Division. At half-past ten o'clock the party adjourned to City Hall, where a hop was indulged in, which was kept up until an early hour this morning.

CITY MATTERS.

ALLEGHENY MAYORALTY.—Wm. Adams will be an independent candidate for Mayor of Allegheny City at the coming election.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—John McDonald, of the Second ward, Allegheny, has been selected to superintend the erection of the new Work House. Mr. McDonald is one of the best practical builders in the county, and no better selection could have been made.

THE second sermon of the series entitled "The Gospel in the Trees," will be preached to-morrow evening by Alex. Clark, pastor of First Methodist Church, Fifth street. Special topic, "The Cedar Tree."

REVIVAL.—A great revival is in progress at present in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Freeport, under the pastoral care of Rev. Woods. Upwards of eight have made a public profession, and are united with the church, and the interest is unabated.

RECOVERING.—John Oliver, the young man who was stabbed with a fork by his father on Christmas night in Allegheny, was much better yesterday and his speedy recovery is anticipated. Oliver was released from custody yesterday morning by Mayor Morrison, his father having declined to make an information against him.

CANDIDATE FOR ASSESSOR.—The friends of Capt. James T. Sample will press his claims to-day as a candidate for the office of Assessor of the Fourth Ward, Allegheny. The Captain, who is a native of the city, is well qualified to discharge the duties of the position, having served a long time as Assessor in Mexico, he has peculiar claims upon the people.

UNIVERSALIST FAIR AT CITY HALL.—This Fair is still going on, and is being visited by many persons. It is well conducted and a very pleasant place to spend an evening. The chances are going off very rapidly. The grand promenade is a prominent feature at the Fair. It commences every night at 10 and closes at 12 o'clock. The Fair will be open to-night.

APPROPRIATE PRESENTS.—At the Christmas anniversary of the Sabbath School attached to the Forest Baptist Church, Woodland road, the pastor, Rev. T. S. Hill, was presented with a fine overcoat, and Mrs. Hill was made the recipient of a well-filled purse. Also, a handsome contribution of the ladies of the congregation. W. C. Barr, Superintendent, and the teachers of the Sabbath School each received handsome gifts from the scholars.

THE ORPHAN'S FAIR.—The Fair in the Cathedral continues to be largely attended, and much interest is manifested in its success. At the close of the Fair last night the vote on the different articles stood as follows: On the Cane—W. H. Reed, 90; M. C. Hastings, 82; J. McKeon, 89; J. C. Barr, 37; J. McCabe, 17; J. Savage, 8; D. Ihmsen, 3; T. Bourk, 1; O. Magian, 5. 7th Ward Base Ball Club, 168; Chantry, 122; Dryden, 124. On Base Ball Implements—Good Will, 181; Resolute, 183; Pioneer, 45. On the silver cup to be awarded to the most popular lady friend of the Philadelphia—Miss Mary Harris, 1791; Mrs. J. Strain, 40; Mrs. Savage, 29. On Silver Pitcher, Goblets, &c.—John F. Connolly, 66; W. J. Anderson, 54; J. H. Harris, 49; W. Pittock, 30; J. Blackmore, 30; A. Jackman, 27.

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A NATIONAL Convention of Soldiers, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, to be held in May next, is mooted. Such a Convention would surely nominate General GRANT; and its preference for Vice President would have great weight with the Republican Convention.

SOON after Congress comes together again General BUTLER will make another attempt to obtain a declaration in favor of his financial ideas. It is his belief that a majority of the House agree with him, and many good judges agree with him in this. It is believed that if SHERMAN'S bill is passed a majority will be in favor of putting one per cent. tax on the six per cent. bonds.

THE Democracy of Pennsylvania are flattering themselves on the prospect of securing a majority in the Legislature of 1869, and an active canvass has been going on among the party for a successor to Senator BUCKALEW. Hon. WM. A. WALLACE, the State Senator from the Clearfield district, finds the most favor for the position. Our opponents, however, are over sanguine. The Legislature of 1869 will be more strongly Republican than that of 1868.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us to ask—since Dixmont is an institution for the "curably insane only, what is to become of the incurably insane?" The question certainly is a timely and important one, and any evasion of it is inhumanity to an unfortunate class of fellow beings to whom some door should be open. Some may be disposed to raise a question as to who shall decide who is "curably" and who is "incurably" insane. Our object is to give utterance to the voice of humanity, in the name of Christianity and Civilization, in a plea for the incurably insane. Will our correspondent take up the question?

THE Democrats, though taking a great deal of interest in him, have changed their tone in regard to Gen. GRANT. Until quite lately they patronized and pretended to support him; but now they have become quite critical and fault-finding. The reason is, they have found out that he is not of them, but is an original and consistent Republican—not of the WENDELL PHILLIPS, and Senator SUMNER school, but in hearty sympathy and will go to the end with those who fought the war through and the rebellion and slavery down. It is because Gen. GRANT occupies just this position that the solid men of the country are coming out for him. He is already the Republican Presidential nominee—responsible for the vagaries of nobody; and as such is receiving a degree of support which does not admit of a doubt of his election.

PARTON'S "PITTSBURGH"

Our citizens have occasion to feel proud of the very flattering terms in which Mr. PARTON records his views of Pittsburgh in the last number of the *Atlantic Monthly*. The article was published in full in our edition of Christmas morning, and has perhaps been more generally read and discussed than any production of similar length which has appeared in print here for a long time. There will be little disposition to indulge in severe criticism, as the picture—or, we should rather say, outline—drawn by the artist, is in the main correct. There are only a few touches, however, which bring out boldly the prominent features of Pittsburgh, and these are those descriptive of our coal, iron and glass interests. Our steel and copper works, our foundries, our machine shops, our oil refineries, our locomotive works, our cotton mills, our lead works, our saw and planing mills, boat yards, and many other important industries, are either entirely overlooked, or receive but incidental notice. Nothing is said about our railway facilities, nor our steamboat tonnage and river navigation; neither is there any mention of our hotels, churches, public institutions, newspapers, etc. No reference is made to our extraordinary growth in wealth and population—a remarkable omission, and one which might have been readily supplied, as the data are at hand. In fact, the article is quite as noticeable to us Pittsburghers for what has been entirely overlooked, as it is for what has been said, or the manner of saying it. The products of our oil refineries—for instance—the capital invested, the number of hands employed, and much other statistical information, relating to this and other important branches not even mentioned, could have been easily accessible, and would have interested as well as have astonished many of the readers of the *Atlantic*. Indeed, Mr. PARTON has enveloped us in such huge volumes of smoke that he has hidden from the view of his readers many of the "beauties of utility" which he might otherwise have revealed. His night view from the dizzy heights of Cliff street, where he looked over the iron railing into—"hell with the lid off," seems to have inspired him with fear, and deterred him from entering into the "dark abyss." Nevertheless, he has given many very important facts to the world concerning us; has truthfully sketched the characteristics of our industrious and enterprizing population; has cast an arrow here and there at our follies and our faults; and has, on the whole, "done" Pittsburgh in a manner which seems to have been pleasing to himself and ought to be very agreeable to us. He has only begun to tell what the "Smoky City" really is; but, as he himself remarks, it would fill a whole magazine to describe in detail any one of the more important manufacturing interests here developed.

THE COMING ISSUE

The *World* rejoices in the belief that the "issue" has been "joined," with the Republican party "squarely" planted in favor of "wholesale negro suffrage," and the Democratic party—though the *World* does not "squarely" admit as much—just where it stood during the war—on the side of the men and ideas that chose JEFF. DAVIS for their leader. With such an "issue joined," the *World* expects great advantage will accrue to the Democrats. The indignation and virtuous horror of the *World* in view of the participation of negroes in the elections, is no doubt as genuine as the support it gives to the system whereby unnumbered thousands of ignorant and besotted white men in New York city vote the Democratic ticket—not once only, but as many times as the necessities of the party render it expedient. That the *World* is a consistent advocate of pure suffrage, is clear; but it has a vision which can detect nothing wrong where the ballot box fairly reeks with Democracy and corruption, and where an honest election has not been held within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant. If the *World* and the Democratic leaders were sincere, and instead of ranting about the ignorant negro at the polls, would include the equally ignorant and thoroughly debauched thousands of white men who make merchandise of their votes, whereby Democratic majorities are run up to almost any desired figure, they might at least win credit for consistency, and perhaps assist to establish the test of fitness for all classes, white and black, North and South. Let not the *World* be too fast in this business. Judging from the rate at which the educational test has progressed in the public judgment, we think the *World* has more reason to be concerned as to its own position and the position of its own party on that "issue" than about "wholesale negro suffrage." Wholesale ignorant suffrage is the Democratic idea—the very evil the educational test, and nothing else, will cure. Wherever this evil exists, in what ever color it is clothed, let the cure be applied—and it is on this "issue" that the *World* should find out where it stands.

THE CAMPAIGN OF 1868.

The old year is almost gone, and the important issues of 1868 will soon be upon us. A general glance at the political situation may enable us the better to understand the duties of the coming year. What we have to say in this connection will be suggestive rather than argumentative. As the National Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President has been fixed at Chicago, on the 20th of May, other political movements will have to conform thereto. It will be advisable for us to hold our State Convention towards the close of February or early in March, to nominate candidates for Auditor General and Surveyor General, and at the same time select our Senatorial delegates. The only State officers to be filled are those just mentioned, and Gen. HARTRANFT and Col. CAMPBELL, the respective incumbents, are both candidates for renomination. They have discharged their duties well, and their friends are actively and vigorously pressing their claims for renomination. The office of Auditor General is the most important political position in the Commonwealth, as through it the entire revenues of the State, amounting to $5,000,000 annually, are collected and disbursed. The Surveyor General's office is purely one of detail; and the time is at hand when the amounts still due the State, on the sale of her lands, should be settled up, and this branch of the office closed. It can then be made a bureau of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and left in the charge of two or three clerks.

It is admitted on all hands, in this State, that General GRANT is the choice of the majority of the party for the next Presidency. We have an old-fashioned notion that a seat upon the Bench of the Supreme Court of the United States ought to satisfy the ambition of any man, and if Chief Justice CHASE'S friends sincerely think of presenting his name for the Presidency they should induce him to resign. He should not actively canvass for any political office while he wears the judicial robes of the nation.

As to the Vice Presidency there will be a diversity of opinion in this State. Four names are already prominently spoken of in this connection—GEARY, STANTON, CURTIN and GROW—but thus far a commendable disposition has been manifested not to specially agitate the claims of any one, but hold each in abeyance. This agitation, if an expression of preference is to be had at all, cannot be postponed beyond the time for holding the State Convention. If we can be unanimous in our choice, there is a probability that the Pennsylvania nominee will be chosen by the National Convention. On the other hand, if we get up an angry contest, the Convention will look elsewhere.

In home matters, the County Committee should promptly decide upon the mode of conducting our primary nominations, if we expect to strengthen the State and National tickets in the canvass next fall. The party has become disgusted with the manner in which these primary elections have been held, both in the city and country districts, and they have expressed their disapprobation in a way not to be mistaken, or to be passed unheeded. The rotten "ring" system should be abolished at once, and the delegates chosen by a fair ballot of the registered voters of the party, subject to such wholesome restrictions as time and experience have suggested in other districts where the "Crawford county system" has been adopted. We understand that the Chairman of the Committee is now in correspondence with leading politicians of the State on this very subject, and also with regard to the best plans for organizing the campaign, registering the voters, and getting out the full vote on the day of election. The entire work of the campaign should be carefully systematized and well diffused, and special care taken that all parts of the plan are efficiently carried out. The work is not only important, but laborious, and we urge the committee to enter upon it at once.

DEMOCRATIC DOCTRINE

There was lately commenced a systematic effort to extend far and near the circulation of the La Crosse *Democrat;* and the result has been a circulation which POMEROY, the editor, claims is second to only one political newspaper in this country. It would be unfair to aver that there are not in the Democratic party those who utterly condemn this man and his paper; it is nevertheless true that the large circulation has been obtained on the score of the soundness of the paper as a Democratic organ and preacher of unadulterated Democratic doctrines. With these remarks we quote the following from a late number of the *La Crosse Democrat:*

"We tell you, Radicals and traitors, your tool shall never enter the Presidential Mansion, elected by negro votes. If this be treason make the most of it. But bear in mind that it is treason held by two millions of white men, *who are ready to fight for white supremacy!* God help you, if the struggle comes; for spite of the Rump, your niggers, and *all the remaining powers of hell at your command*, white will win, and there will be *such an outpouring of nigger blood, such a burning of Rothschilds to their apple-trees,* as was never known since the world was girdled with fire.

"In this connection a hint. Democrats, in 1868 clubs will be formed in every town and city in the country. Let these clubs be composed of *men as ready to fight as to vote!* Let the by-drillers in the manual of arms—be as conversant with the science of military tactics as with Democratic principles. They may not be required to display their knowledge, but *if nigger or Radical killing should be in order,* they will be ready. That is the business as to listen to the inaugural of a Democratic President on the 4th day March, 1869."

THE worst misfortune that has befallen the emancipated black people of the South is that such men as Hunnicutt have obtained almost unlimited power over them. This man Hunnicutt recently acknowledged that he voted for the Ordinance of Secession in 1860, and how much he loved the negro, and how sincere he must be now can be inferred from the following extract from the *Christian Banner*, which he edited in Fredricksburg:

"We are decidedly opposed to any and all African churches, south of Mason and Dixon's line. In the present state of things, and at this particular crisis, we think it exceedingly impolitic in the Southern people to allow such organizations to exist in our midst. The time for such unhallowed assemblies is not yet. Nor is Virginia the place of rendezvous for such dangerously miscellaneous, ungodly masses of crude mind and matter to congregate, to concoct and execute their infarious schemes of religious villainies. They are ignorant and superstitious to a proverb. Depravity, ignorance, and superstition form a dangerous compound, and such a compound is the black population of Virginia."

Hunnicutt keeps up this style, only that the white men are the objects now of his invective. The mischief he is doing the black people of Virginia is incalculable. Republicans especially should everywhere disown all responsibility for his sentiments or actions.

THE *Independent* has heard of Gen. Grant's letter marked "private." Considering what high stilts it usually mounts, the following mild way of disposing of the letter is not a little remarkable. Somebody's thunder has been "squelched":

"Gen. Grant's private letter to the President (written months ago, but only lately published), demonstrating boldness, discretion and manliness against the removal of Mr. Stanton, is an equal credit both to the author's heart and head."

THE Richmond *Examiner* speaks of Johnson's message wherein he compares Hancock to Washington, as "unrivalled as a specimen of keen and quiet sarcasm." The General's friends are just beginning to wake up to the President's humor and the fact that what they swallowed as genuine praise was meant for "keen sarcasm."

A PHILANTHROPIC Englishman has sent nine tons of religious tracts to Chicago for free circulation. Looking over the world, and taking all things into the account, he could discover no spot in greater need of this description of moral influence.

A Suggestive Comparison.

The Springfield *Republican*, in an article on Hayti and Liberia, makes the following suggestive comparison: Whence the difference between the two negro republics, Liberia and Hayti? Education tells the whole story. The emigrants sent to Liberia have been the most intelligent and Christian of our negroes. They have had, it is true, the advice of the Colonization Society, and for some years its immediate direction and supervision, but the emigrants took with them some just notions of government, of republican principles and institutions, and of the necessity of submitting to the majority, even if it be but a majority of one, in order to perpetuate the system of self-government; and their elections have been as orderly, and changes of rulers as peaceful, as in our own country. Indeed we have been obliged to go through a tremendous war to subdue a resisting minority, while the Liberian government has gone on quietly executing the will of its people. The Liberians are not highly educated—many of them, but their leading men have sufficient education and character for the administration of government, and the masses know enough to comprehend the duty and safety of obedience to law. They have a system of common and high schools, borrowed, as are their forms of government, from our own, and they sustain them liberally and profit by them. The Haytiens, on the other hand, are scarcely better taught than when they first broke the shackles of slavery. Their religion is a shocking mixture of African idolatry with Christianity, and they are superstitious rather than religious. Like all ignorant people, they worship brute force and have very imperfect notions about human rights, obedience to laws and constitutions, or any of the elements essential to the maintenance of free government. And Republican government, such as they have, does not seem likely to educate them to a capacity for anything better. They have yet to take their first lesson in political science. If Providence would send them a chief, with a genius for government, void of petty ambitions and earnestly devoted to the good of his people, who should be a father as well as a president, we might hope to see Hayti become a republic in spirit as well as in form, and that order and peace would take the place of continual revolution and anarchy. Failing this, a strong despotism would be the next best thing, establishing order, administering justice, and giving the people a chance to improve their condition. For what the most need, after all, is the idea and spirit of obedience to law and government. Without these republican institutions can exist only in name, and government will be but a series of revolutions. Hayti and Liberia have their lessons in regard to the great nation of colored men in our own country—five times as numerous as the population of both these republics—lifted suddenly from slavery to citizenship; for whether the South shall become a Hayti or a Liberia is yet to be determined.

REV. WM. PITTENGER, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cadiz, Ohio, and author of a popular war book entitled "Daring and Suffering," has attained a fine reputation as a preacher, and is one of the most successful pastors in the Pittsburgh Conference. He is a hard student and a busy worker. Although but twenty-eight years of age, he has a record which might honorably attach to a man of middle life. His sufferings in the army were intense and of long continuance. He was one of that noted Railroad party who seized a rebel train in the heart of the Confederacy and were afterward captured, and nearly all hung. Pittenger was converted in a Southern prison, and at the end of the war entered the ministry, and has been a great favorite among the people. He has on press a new work, to be issued in New York in a few days, entitled "The Book of Oratory; or the Extemporaneous Speaker, Sacred and Secular," with an introduction by Hon. John A. Bingham. A book on the subject by one so young is already exciting a great deal of curiosity, and is a venture quite bold in the author, but his talent and success in the art of which his book is an exposition, warrant him in thus appearing before the public. He gives clear and philosophical rules by which readiness in the expression of thought may be acquired, and treats of many interesting topics pertaining to public address. His style, judging from advance proof sheets of the work, is a model of honest Anglo Saxon.

A LETTER from General Grant has been made public in the city of Mexico, written to Miniatei Romero. After conveying very kind remembrances to the family of the departing Minister, he takes occasion to say honestly and well: "I hope you will find everything quiet in your country, and the prospects bright for a speedy restoration of law and order. No Mexican desires more than I do the prosperity and progress of your country. I want to see it a strong, thriving, and growing republic, intimately associated with our own in trade and commerce, and the two in such relations to each other that they will be a mutual support."

ONE of the most graceful skaters we saw upon the Fifth Avenue Rink, wore a scarlet and black striped skirt; upper skirts of black cloth, finished in scallops bound in velvet, Astracan bevier, close-fitting paletot, and velvet cap with aigrette of scarlet feathers. Another, worn by a blonde with bright golden curls, was a blue cloth skirt short and full; a peplum, or short upper skirt, in gores, widths of grey cloth, corded in blue; jacket of grey, with grey fur border; blue velvet cap, fur border. A very pretty dress was of grey cloth, skirt short and full, with scarlet cloth facings, forming a deep border, scarlet cloth basque, bordered in chinchilla fur; gingercary cap, with fur border and scarlet ribbons.—*N. Y. Mail.*

THE following singular statement was made at a late meeting of the American Institute Farmers' Club, at New York: "To prevent steers from jumping fences, clip off the eyelashes of the under lids with a pair of scissors, and the ability or disposition to jump is as effectually destroyed as Samson's power was by the loss of his locks. The animal will not attempt a fence until its lashes are grown again. Of this we are informed by Samuel Thorne, the great cattle feeder and grazier, who says to us that he had tested it upon a pair of breechy oxen. As it is of great value to him, he hopes it will be tried by others."

MR. CLINTON H. RICE, of New York, who is preparing a report of the operations of the bankrupt law, is in receipt of a number of letters from commissioners in bankruptcy inquiring when the fifty per cent. clause of the bankrupt act went into effect. There seems to be a diversity of opinion on the subject, not only among the commissioners, but among United States judges and lawyers. Some claim that this clause took effect immediately on the passage of the law, while others assert that it did not go into operation until January, 1867. It is probable the matter will be submitted to Chief Justice Chase for his decision.

THIS is an odd story of blundering by telegraph: "A merchant who was absent from his home received a telegram informing him of his wife's safe delivery of a little girl; at the same time a letter from his partner advised him that a draft had been presented for $5,000, and the signature seemed rather doubtful. The merchant replied to both dispatches, but misdirected them. The astonishment of the wife may be imagined when she read: 'I know nothing about it; it's a swindle.' The partner received hearty congratulations upon his safe deliverance."

THE Louisville *Democrat*, the organ of the "Third Party" in Kentucky, has issued a call for a full meeting of the Central Committee and other leading Democrats of the State. It is to be held at Louisville on the 8th of January, to discuss the propriety of holding a State Convention. The question of inviting the National Democracy to hold the Presidential Convention in Louisville will also come up. The Louisville *Courier*, the rebel Democratic mouth-piece, is very indignant at what it terms the Democrat's presumption, and denies that it has any right to speak of the Democracy in that way.

SENATOR HOWARD, of Michigan, to whom the President's message against Mr. Stanton and the accompanying documents have been referred by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, is at work on his report. Meanwhile Mr. Stanton, who reached Washington on Thursday, preserves a characteristic silence. His friends, however, boldly declare that he will make a powerful defense against A. J.'s accusations. Stanton is an ugly antagonist, especially when he is fighting against a bad man or a bad cause.

ONE of the latest innovations made at fashionable dinner parties in New York, is the ornamentation of the bills of fare always laid beside the plate, with a little water-color drawing. These pictures are intended to be kept by each guest as a souvenir of the party. They consist of landscapes, or bunches of flowers, fruits, or figures, and are exquisitely executed. Sometimes the lady of the house, if she is an artist, paints these cards with her own hand, which makes them still more valuable.

THE Philadelphia *Ledger* pays the following just tribute to the faithfulness and capacity of State Treasurer Kemble: "We are probably not saying more than is warranted by truth, when we state that during the term the present Treasurer has been in office, more has been done for the credit of the Commonwealth, in the same length of time, than has been effected by any of his predecessors in office. A vast amount of neglected revenue has been reclaimed."

THE Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Gazette* (South) writes as follows: I have good authority, indeed, for saying that Mr. Johnson is not a candidate for re-election; that he will in good faith sustain to the extent of his ability the opposition of the Radicals, and that he will use whatever of power he possesses to prevent a minority of the people of the North, aided by the bogus negro States of the South, from usurping the government of the country on the 4th of March, 1869.

THE DEMOCRATIC BATTLE CRY.—"Economy and Retrenchment," will be the battle cry of Democracy in next summer's Presidential campaign. The division of the House Judiciary Committee on the question of paying three full mileages to the present Congress shows the sincerity of the pretence. The two Democrats on the committee were in favor of the payment, and all but one of the seven Republicans against it.—*Springfield Republican.*

PERSONAL.

—The celebrated Jacob Barker, of New Orleans, is before the Courts as a bankrupt. Mr. Barker has been a millionaire in his day. He is over 80 years of age, we think, and long before the present generation looked upon ledgers and bank-books, was one of the leading commercial powers of the country. The Rebellion, (in which we believe he was only passive), brought him to bankruptcy; but yet it would seem that the old fire is in him, and he is trying to shake off his load of debt, to take a chance once more in the lottery of trade.

—Henry Bewley, a rich Presbyterian of Dublin, Ireland, promised to devote all his dividends from Atlantic cable stock to religious uses. In fulfillment of this vow he has lately sent nine tons of tracts to the Young Men's Christian Association, of Chicago, which are being distributed.

—In the memoir of Dr. Berthune, recently published, is the following anecdote: "One evening the doctor was crossing by the Fulton ferry; upon entering the cabin he found all the seats occupied, when a thick, husky voice cried, 'Dr. Berthune, Dr. Berthune.' Turning in its direction he found a man standing, who said, 'Doctor, take my seat; it is an honor to give such a man a seat; ever since I heard of that big church in New York trying to get you away by giving a call of five thousand dollars, and you said you'd see 'em d—d first, I have had a great respect for you, and I think it an honor to give you a seat.'"

—Gen. Grant, in his days of insignificance and poverty, used to furnish wood to the family of Congressman H. T. Blow, hauling it himself. On a recent occasion Mrs. Blow attended one of the General's receptions, and he greeted her as follows: "Mrs. Blow, I remember you well. What great changes have taken place since we last met." "Yes, General," remarked Mrs. B., "the war is over." "I did not mean that," he replied; "I mean with myself. Don't you not recollect when I used to supply your husband with wood and pile it myself, and measure it too, and go to his office for my pay?" "Oh, yes, General, your face was familiar in those days." "Mrs. Blow, those were happy days: for I was doing the best I could to support my family."

—Pike, the proprietor of the new Opera House, now almost completed, at the corner of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue, New York city, is endeavoring to buy the whole block, intending, if he succeeds in purchasing, to erect a large hotel.

—A clergyman asked some children, "Why do we say in the Lord's prayer, 'Who art in heaven,' since God is everywhere?" He saw a little drummer who looked as if he could give an answer and turned to him for it: "Well, little soldier, what say you?" "Because it's headquarters."

—In Mr. Howell's charming "Italian Journeys," we find a remarkable receipt for soup, differing certainly from any put forth by Mons. Blot or Mrs. Putnam. It came from "the only honest man in Italy," whom our countryman met in the diligence of Padua: "Stuff a goose with sausage; let it hang in the weather during the winter; and in the spring cut it up and stew it, and you have an excellent and delicate soup." That must be so!

—"No Thoroughfare," the new Christmas story by Charles Dickens and Wilkie Collins, seems to have called out a variety of opinions as to how much of the story Mr. Dickens has written. Of the forty-one pages in the Boston edition, Wilkie Collins is responsible for just eighteen pages, the rest being from the pen of Charles Dickens.

—Few poets, especially young ones, are able to turn their verses to any such useful purposes as paying their rent. But this is the way Allen Ramsey, a Scotch poet, turned his rhymes to this useful purpose. After his rent became due, he met his landlord and explained his circumstances, and expressed his distress at his failure to meet his obligations. The kind landlord was quite kind to him, and said that as he was a lad of genius, he would give him a chance to cancel his debt without paying a shilling. "If," said the rent-seeker, "you'll name a rhyming answer to four questions in as many minutes, I'll quit you the rent altogether." Allen said he would try. The questions were: "What does God love? What does the World love? What do I love? Ramsey wrote:

"God loves man when man refrains from sin,
The world loves man when riches on him flow,
And you'll love me could I pay you what I owe."

"The rent is paid," said the farmer, giving his ingenious tenant a hearty slap on the shoulders.

—Dr. Rice, when at the head of the Theological Seminary in Prince Edwards, Va., was requested by the people of one of the out parishes to send them a minister. They wanted one who could visit a good deal, for their former minister neglected that, and they wanted to bring that up. They wanted a man of very gentlemanly deportment, for some thought a great deal of that. And so they went on describing a perfect minister. The last thing they mentioned was—they gave their last minister $250, but if the Doctor would send them one that would do about as well, they would raise another $50, making it $400. Dr. Rice immediately replied, advising them to send for Dr. Dwight in heaven, as he did not know any one on earth that would suit them.

The Georgia Republicans and the Presidency.

The telegram to the effect that the Republicans in the Georgia Convention, speaking for the party in the State, had declared for Chase, was not entirely correct. The Augusta *National Republican* explains that the resolutions were framed so as to be divisible into two propositions: First, appreciative of Chief Justice Chase, and commendatory of his services and principles, and next pledging those present to the support of the nominee of the National Convention. Either of these propositions would have met with the almost unanimous "aye" which both elicited. The last one—to support the nominee of the Convention—was probably more efficient than the first in producing the vote. There were many men present who will probably vote for General Grant or any other candidate, and they did not feel themselves committed to the support of Mr. Chase by voting for the resolution, though they refrained from voting against it. They should not seem to refuse to support the regular Republican nominee for the Presidency. We make this explanation that the action of the meeting may not be misunderstood.

IN a recent whisky case in the United States District Court in Cincinnati, in arguing a motion for a new trial in a whisky case, in which the defendants, H. D. Chaffee & Co., distillers, were found guilty of violating the Revenue law and a verdict of $253,128 was given against them, counsel for defendant submitted two annoymous letters supposed to be from members of the jury to the defendants, proposing to secure them from damages if they would pay $400 apiece to four of the jurors, and giving their names. In connection with these letters were affidavits to the effect that they had been written by General F. W. Lister, one of the jurors, and one of them was carried by him to the St. James Hotel and secretly left for one of the defendants. Other affidavits charge two others of the jury, by the name of Lee, with similar improper conduct. The government submitted affidavits of experts stating only that the letters could not have been written by General Lister.

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RAILWAY MATTERS.

—The New York *Tribune*, of a recent date, says: It is understood that at the annual election in January the present directors of the Cleveland and Toledo Road will be elected directors of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh, and that a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. will be declared.

—The Philadelphia *Ledger* says: We understand that negotiations are still pending between the great trunk lines to the west, New York Central, Erie, and Pennsylvania Central, for a stocking of the earnings, and a general reduction of expenses. The abolishment of a great number of ticket offices, and all commissions on passengers and freights is one of the reforms proposed, which, it is said, would alone save from three to four million dollars per annum.

—The extension of the Mifflin and Centre County branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad is expected to be so far completed by the 30th of this month as that it can be opened to Milroy, a distance of over thirteen miles from Lewistown. Milroy is situated at the easternmost end of the "Great Valley," extending from Mill Creek, a few miles below Huntingdon, to that place, and is, throughout its entire length, of great fertility, and its people are, like their lands, rich and "well favored."

Grant's Motive for Reticence.

The Boston *Commonwealth* introduces the letter marked "private," recently communicated to the House of Representatives by General Grant, with the following remarks, which show a just appreciation of his character, and undoubtedly explain correctly the motive for that alleged reticence which to certain people is so great a source of uneasiness and distrust:

As in the war of the rebellion a greater man than any who entered the contest at its beginning was destined to bring it to a successful close, so now, as we scan the political horizon, does it seem probable that another than any acknowledged statesman of years' experience is to have the honor to complete the restoration of the country toward which the surrender of Lee was the first step.

All the signs of the times point to the almost unanimous nomination of Ulysses S. Grant, by the Republican Convention of May next, for the Presidency. It is true he has been unusually silent in declaring his views; but this may easily be accounted for upon a not improbable surmise that he does not desire to beg for the nomination. That he would feel honored to be solicited by his fellow citizens to accept the position there is no doubt. But it must be their free choice, uninfluenced by any overtures of his own. Such a character is rare in our politics, and his singleness of purpose and disinterestedness of motive wins the popular applause. So far as General Grant has acted since the war closed, he has given evidence that he is a man of exordinary good sense. That he is in full and hearty accord with Congress has been evidenced in many ways and on numerous occasions. In this last respect, we have the testimony of Senator Wilson, Representative Boutwell, our late Congressmen, Mr. Gooch, and others of the Massachusetts delegation, not to mention distinguished names from other States. At the proper time, without question, this will be amply shown over the General's own signature, for the present, while the nomination is pending, he will doubtless remain silent, and let his acts speak for him.

RUSSIA is said to be prepared for war, and her forces to be so massed that they could be sent against either Austria or Turkey at very short notice. The fear that she contemplates war is countenanced by a remark in a very late number of the *Invalide Russe*, that if Austria and France should persist in their policy in regard to the Eastern question the peace of Europe would be imperilled. Should Russia go to war with Turkey, and France and Austria were to support Turkey, Prussia, and possibly Italy, would be drawn into the ring, and for the time there would be a great war on the greatest possible scale. The Czar is a prudent man, but appearances indicate that he and his ministers are seriously thinking of settling the Eastern question after a very summary fashion. Calm preparations have been going on for some time, and Russian language to the Sultan has been of late more warlike than at any time since the spring of 1853, when Prince Menschikoff bullied the then Grand Turk to so much purpose. The distracted state of Turkey invites attack, but the Osmanlis would die hard.

THE Florence journals state that the Italian Government has contracted for the supply of 300,000 Chassepot muskets, to be delivered at the rate of 50,000 a year. If this be true, we are not quite sure that it argues well for the foresight of the Italians. The order for the first 50,000 is perhaps based on sound judgment, if the experiments with the Chassepot on the field of battle were as successful as have been represented. But in the rapid progress of invention, who can say that before the end of three years the Chassepot may not be entirely superseded by a better arm and so have to be thrown aside as worthless?

CANADA and Western New York are comparing notes on the earthquake, and find it to have been pretty much the same everywhere. They heard a rushing noise, a rumbling sound, which some describe as like a high wind, and others like the breaking up of a large body of ice. Beds were rocked gently about, as if upon waves, crockery was disturbed on the clock shelves, and stoves were shifted about. All agree that it was a very good specimen of earthquake.

WE are glad to see it stated that the Secretary of the Treasury has expressed the determination to get more revenue from the whisky tax. The first step is the greatest difficulty—turn out the whole batch of treasury officials at 12 per annum, and the rest will run. Let the Dogberries of the Department trim his lantern and commence his search for the men he wants!—*Chicago Post.*

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STATE NEWS.

On Monday afternoon, as a young lady, daughter of Mr. Amos Wickett, was walking along a frequented street, in Harrisburg, she was knocked insensible by some villain, with a club. The act was witnessed by several persons near by, who gave pursuit, but the villain escaped. The people are much excited by the frequent occurrences of this kind.

On the farm of John R. Sientz, two miles north of Beaver, valuable minerals have lately been discovered. Among these might be mentioned a stratum of fire clay six feet thick, a stratum of coal three feet thick, a stratum of ochre eight inches thick, a stratum of fossiliferous iron ore fifteen inches thick, and a stratum of mineral paint sixteen inches thick, which, being a protoxide of iron, is easily manufactured into several rich paints. And those strata are supposed to underlie the principal part of the farm. There are also two different out-crops of limestone on the farm, one of which is supposed to be hydraulic lime.

The Reading *Dispatch* of Monday says: About eight o'clock this morning the camel back engine "Iowa" was on her downward trip drawing a heavily loaded coal train, when about eighty yards beyond the lower depot exploded her boiler. At the time of the explosion there were three men on the engine—John K. Schmehl, engineer; Alfred K. Kline, fireman, and Jacob Snyder, brakeman. Of these but one escaped a most horrible death—that one being the brakeman. Mr. Schmehl, the engineer, was blown in the air to a considerable distance, and fell about fifty yards in rear of the engine. Mr. Kline, the fireman, was blown into the tank-pit where the fire and hot iron lay scattered over him. Mr. Snyder was blown over a train of cars standing on the siding, and escaped with but slight injury. The first named displayed signs of living misery for some time after the occurrence, but the fireman was dead before he could be rescued from the furnace of fire.

Through the liberality of Jay Cooke, Esq., of Philadelphia, a neat church has been built at Girardville, Schuylkill county. He also supports, chiefly if not altogether, a pastor at that place, the Rev. D. D. Hudson, of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Some days ago, in Minersville, Schuylkill county, Miss Jenny Dyer and her mother were attacked, after partaking of their supper, by illness, accompanied by vomiting. The symptoms were those of poison. Medical aid was obtained but failed to save Miss Dyer, who died the following morning. The remains of Miss Dyer were disinterred on Thursday, to have the contents of the stomach analyzed, and a legal investigation is now in progress. Miss Dyer was a school teacher, about twenty years of age at the time of her death.

WESTERN NEWS.

The Denver, Colorado Territory, *News* announces the death in that city, on the 15th inst., of Wm. M. McGaa, better known as "Jack Jones." The deceased had been a resident of the Rocky Mountain country for twenty-eight years; the companion of Beckworth, Bridger, and other mountaineers of less note. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and a very fair education; generous to a fault, and a steadfast friend.

The report is that in the great wheat growing counties of Central Illinois, a very large breadth of land, more than that of last year, has been sown to wheat. Through the counties of Macoupin, Greene, Madison, St. Clair, and others, the above is said to be materially so. Along the main trunk and branch of the Illinois Central Railroad the wheat also has a promising look. If nothing untoward happens a good yield may be expected, though, of course, it is premature to hazard even a prediction of results.

The Idaho *Statesman* publishes a call for a Convention of delegates from all the counties of Idaho, Eastern Oregon, and Washington Territory, to meet at Boise City, January 6, for the purpose of memorializing Congress in favor of granting aid for a railway connecting the Union Pacific with the navigable waters of the Columbia river via Snake river valley.

The ceiling of the Representatives' Hall, in the Indiana State House, fell on Saturday night, damaging the hall to the extent of $10,000. An effort is being made to have the whole building condemned.

An arrangement has just been made between the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad and the Chicago and Great Eastern, which gives the exclusive management of the latter to the former, so far as concerns carrying the passengers and freight.

The Richmond, Indiana, *Telegram* says: The strike of the employees in the workshops of the Chicago and Great Eastern Railroad, in this city, which was inaugurated on Thursday, of last week, terminated on Monday, by the payment of the amounts due them. For three days all the trains on that road, except the mail, were stopped, but order and quiet prevailed among those engaged in the proceeding. About seventy men were in the strike, all of whom were discharged after their claims were settled. The workshops are again in operation by new hands, and a few of the old who refused to unite in the strike.

The Newly Discovered Island in the Pacific.

Capt. Reynolds of the U. S. steamer Lackawanna has taken formal possession of Brook's Island, in the Pacific, for the United States. Dr. Kennedy, the surgeon of the Lackawanna, made an examination of the new territory. He reports it to consist of two distinct coral islands, surrounded by a barren reef. The soil is thin, producing only low shrubs, herbs, and coarse grasses, but with cultivation it can be made to yield potatoes, peas, beans, and perhaps other vegetables. Wells were dug by the exploring party, and water found at a depth of from four to seven feet. After filtration this water proved to be hard and free from organic impurities in solution. Dr. Kennedy is satisfied that by digging to a proper depth a good supply of potable water can be obtained. The island is a great resort of sea-birds, but very little guano was found. The lagoon swarms with fish. "Welles's Harbor" is a little larger than that of Honolulu—safer, but has less depth of water; at low water the depth varies from 21 to 16 feet. It can be readily entered by vessels drawing less than 18 feet. Vessels of deep draught must lie in Seward Roads, picking their anchorage.

FALSIFICATION OF PORT WINE.—A letter from the English Secretary of Legation in Portugal, states that for a hundred years not a single drop of pure Port wine has been sent to London, the compound kept in the London docks being fabricated in the following manner: The first grapes of the season are macerated in a vat with elderberries, the juice from which imparts a dark red color to the wine thus made. To this is then added brandy enough to give body and strength. Large numbers of casks of this kind of wine, on their arrival in the London docks, are emptied into great vats, when the whole quantity is again treated with brandy, burnt sugar, and other ingredients, according to the prevailing taste for "pure London Dock Port." We have the authority of a British Parliamentary report for this statement.

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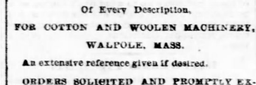

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CITY MATTERS.

IN THE CITY.—Mike McConkie, the celebrated prize fighter, who defeated Aaron Jones at Cincinnati a few months ago, is in the city.

G. A. R.—A meeting of Post No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held this evening in Morris Hall, corner of Wood and Sixth streets.

HANDSOME PRESENT.—Mr. George Stokel, of Allegheny, who has been present on a visit to Reading, received a handsome gift from his friends, on Christmas morning, of a valuable horse.

ARRESTED ON A PROCESS.—D. Fornbolt was arrested yesterday by officer Larimer, on a process issued by the court, for costs, and committed to the county jail.

SWEDENBORGIAN.—"The Word of God and its Interpretation," is the subject of the lecture to be delivered by Rev. Mr. Reade to-morrow evening, at the place of worship of the New Jerusalem Society, corner of Sixth and Wood streets.

PRESENTATION.—The employees of the Pittsburgh Coal Steel Spring Company assembled at the St. Charles Hotel, on Liberty avenue, on Christmas night, and presented to Mr. A. C. Luce, an attaches of the works, an elegant watch, as a mark of their esteem.

FALL OF A CHIMNEY.—Yesterday afternoon a portion of a steel iron smoke stack attached to the boiler house in the Opera House Saw Mill, while passing through a covered stairway, and burying itself some feet in the ground. Persons were passing and repassing the place at the time, but fortunately no one was injured.

A HANDSOME GIFT.—The pupils of the Second Ward Public School, on Christmas eve presented their Principal, Prof. I. A. McCrum, with an elegant pitcher, silver and two goblets, as a mark of their esteem for his services. The presentation speech was made by Master Frank T. Kennedy, and was responded to by Prof. McCrum in an appropriate manner.

BE HONEST.—If the gentleman who relieved a friend of a memorandum book, containing several railroad passes, a small wallet, pair of gloves and his overcoiler, on Tuesday night last, will leave the first two articles at this office he can keep the two last. The railroad passes will do him under no good, and he will save exposure by being honest.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, religious services will be conducted under the auspices of the Sabbath School Teachers' Union, at three o'clock to-morrow, which will interesting addresses may be expected from ministers and earnest Christian laymen; also voluntary prayers and exhortations. All are invited to these meetings. The seats are free and no collections are taken up.

FUNERAL OF MR. MCCARGO.—The funeral of the late John McCargo took place yesterday afternoon, and was numerously attended. The members of Concordia, and of Orpheus, attended in carriages, and accompanied the cortege to the Cemetery. The remains were placed in the Receiving Vault, where they will remain until the family have selected and prepared a suitable place for interment.

A MALICIOUS ACT.—Some malicious scoundrel on Christmas night broke the large and handsome lamp in front of the soldiers' League Room, on Locust street, Allegheny. The lamp was valuable, and completely demolished, and the glass in the sides and back were also broken. The perpetrator of such a mean act is deserving of the severest punishment, and the trustees of the League offer a reward for the apprehension of the villain.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The teachers of Shaler township held their last meeting on December 21st, in Stewartstown. Class drills were given in history by Mr. Hunt; geography by Miss Marshall, and grammar by Miss Rodgers. They will hold their next meeting on January 5th, at the same place, when class drills in arithmetic, before the holidays are by Mr. Porter, arithmetic by Miss Mulhattan, and Constitution by Miss McCleary, and a lecture by Mr. Hunt.

MASONIC ELECTIONS.—McCandless Lodge, No. 590, A. Y. M., of Lawrenceville, have elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing Masonic year: C. G. Avenberg, W. M.; John H. Young, S. W.; James Ballard, J. W.; John Chislett, Jr., Treasurer; John Herring, Secretary.

At a meeting of Duquesne H. R. Chapter, No. 192, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Isaac Browne, H. P.; James Finley, K.; Thomas Smith, S.; John Evans, Treasurer; S. Mortman, Secretary.

A DISHONEST EMPLOYEE.—Yesterday afternoon a young man named Joseph L. Stewart was arrested on complaint of Mr. George Hingham, of the Adams Express Company, on a charge of larceny. It appears that Stewart has been in the employ of the Express Company for some time past in the capacity of driver, and it is alleged that he collected funds to the amount of three hundred dollars which he failed to account for satisfactorily. The accused was taken before Alderman Bigelow, who committed him to the lock-up to await a hearing this morning.

CORRECTION.—Some of the friends of J. B. Kennedy, Esq., have supposed that he is the person mentioned in connection with the nomination for Common Council in the Fifth ward, Allegheny. Such is not the case. J. P. Kennedy, tobacco manufacturer, is the gentleman, and as he is well and favorably known, his entire success and satisfaction to his many friends. A portion of the tickets have been printed with the name of J. B. Kennedy, and the attention of the voters is called to the matter in order to avoid mistakes.

CITY MORTUARY REPORT.—Dr. A. C. McClandless, Physician of the Board of Health, reports the number of interments in the city for the week ending December 22, 1867, at twenty-six. The causes of death were as follows: Child-bed fever 1; typhoid fever 2; consumption 2; bronchial disease 1; peritonitis 1; measles 1; scarlatina 4; bronchitis 3; catarrh fever 1; whooping cough 1; small pox 2; still born 2; typhoid dysentery 1; abdominal abscess 1; of the above there were 1 under one year of age; from 1 to 2 11; from 2 to 5 5; from 5 to 10 2; from 15 to 20 2; from 30 to 50 4; from 50 to 60 2; from 60 to 70 1; from 70 to 80 1. Males 11; females 15. White 25; colored 1: total 26.

Death in the County Jail.

Philip Schweigler, a German, who was arrested some weeks since on suspicion of having stolen $1,200 from Mr. Fred. Sauer's sailing saloon, on Third street, and who was committed to the county jail in default of $2,000 bail for trial, died at that institution yesterday afternoon. The deceased was subject to fits, and had been ailing since his imprisonment. Yesterday afternoon he was seized with an unusually severe convulsion, and died at three o'clock. Coroner Clawson held an inquest upon the body yesterday, and the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts in the case. He was about thirty-five or forty years of age, and being homeless has spent a considerable portion of his time during the past year at the Poor Farm.

Police Intelligence.

Before Mayor Morrison, of Allegheny.]

SHAMING THINGS IN A DROP.

David Gurt was arrested yesterday on complaint of the ticket agent of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Depot, in Allegheny, who charged him with obstructing mischief and disorderly conduct. Gurt and several companions, it appears, became somewhat intoxicated on Thursday, and went into the depot to wait on the train. While in there they commenced quarreling, and finally took to smashing everything within reach. They damaged the water fixings to a large extent, and destroyed the furniture in the waiting room. Gurt was captured by an officer on duty, but his companions escaped. He was held for a hearing.

Before Alderman Strain.]

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED OUTRAGE ON A LITTLE GIRL.

Mrs. Matilda Knell appeared at the office of this alderman yesterday and made an information against a boy named David Leech, aged thirteen years, charging him with attempting to commit an outrage on Mrs. Knell's little daughter, aged five years. The boy was brought on the charge of the little girl, and on the alleged attempt a outrage was committed. The offense is said to have been on the 20th inst. The case has been held for a hearing this afternoon.

CUTTING A BOARD BILL.

Robert Steel, proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, brought suit against Charles C. Nicheson, charging him with obtaining boarding under false pretenses. It was alleged that defendant obtained boarding at the hotel to the amount of fifty-five dollars, upon which he paid thirty dollars, leaving twenty-five dollars still unpaid. Defendant, it is alleged, was settled by the defendant paying the bill and the costs in the case.

DIFFICULTY BETWEEN NEIGHBORS.

Mrs. O'Connor was charged with assault and battery, on oath of Mrs. Catharine Caughey. The prosecutrix resides off Grant street, and the defendant on the corner of Strawberry and Cherry alleys. A difficulty occurred between them yesterday in regard to a trifling matter, when Mrs. O'Connor, it is alleged, assaulted Mrs. Caughey and struck her in the face two or three times. A warrant for the arrest of the accused was issued.

ASSAULT IN THE MARKET.

Bridget Jordan made oath charging Owen Dillon with assault and battery. The parties keep adjoining stands in the upper story of the Diamond Market House, and on the 21st instant a difficulty occurred between them in regard to a barrel, which one alleged was standing over its limits, when Dillon, it is alleged, attacked the prosecutrix and assaulted her most shamefully. Yesterday, hearing, it is alleged, he again assaulted her, and attempted to cut her with a butcher knife. A warrant was placed in the hands of an officer for the arrest of Dillon.

THE SAD THEME.

M. Naughton lodged complaint against a man named Joyce and his wife, for surety of the peace, alleging that they swore to kill the prosecutor and his sister. The parties reside in Kerr's Court, off Sandusky street, in the Eighth ward. The accused have not yet been arrested.

COMMITTED TO JAIL.

John D. Gowan, charged with larceny by bailee, on oath of Mr. A. F. Chatoney, was arrested yesterday and committed to jail for a hearing, in default of eight hundred dollars bail.

[Before Alderman McMasters.]

RAWDY HOUSE CASE.

John McMahon yesterday made an information against Mary Henderson and others, charging them with keeping a rawdy house at the corner of Logan street and Poplar alley, in the Sixth ward, which purpose comprises the purposes of a house of unlawful character. The prosecutor is the owner of the house in which defendants live, and states that they obtained the lease of it under a different pretext. Warrants for their arrest have been issued.

[Before Alderman Taylor.]

A DOMESTIC DIFFICULTY.

Wm. G. Berry was before this Alderman yesterday, charged with assault and battery and surety of the peace, on oath of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Berry. The parties reside in the Fifth ward. The case was amicably settled.

[Before Alderman Thomas.]

LARCENY OF A WATCH.

Mousse McMann was arrested in the Seventh ward and brought before Alderman Thomas on a charge of larceny, preferred by Alfred Price, who alleges that the defendant took a watch from the tavern of William J. Morgan, in the Fifth ward. It seems from the evidence given that the defendant was also working his way into the bar-room through the window about midnight, and, lighting a candle inside, got out in the morning by the watch was missed. The defendant was committed to jail for a further hearing in default of bail.

Ladies' and Misses' Furs

Are now offered at very low prices at the *Fur House of McFord & Co.*, 151 Wood street. Call soon and get *Bargains.*

A New Year's Gift.

To know where to procure suitable gifts is a matter that interests us all at this season. If our readers will look at the "Special notice" in to-day's paper, announcing a new invoice of elegant perfumed Scotch Plaid Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes, richly perfumed, for presents.

Spectacles! Spectacles!!

The celebrated Parabola Spectacles—the best ever brought to public notice. Gold, silver and steel frames. Sole agent, W. E. Stieren, No. 15 St. Clair street. Spectacles of every description to suit every range of vision. Telescope and optical instruments in good assortment from the best manufactories in the world. Call and examine our stock. No trouble to show goods.

THREE OFFICES.—Messrs. J. H. Morris & Co. take pleasure in announcing to the public that they have secured a new office over the Pittsburgh Savings Bank, 186 Liberty street, corner of Virgin alley. Those who propose to convert their houses into comfortable homes will please call and examine for themselves. *Oldest office*, 166 Liberty street, corner of Virgin alley; branch offices, 114 Smithfield street, and 99 Fifth street.

Smithson, Palmer & Co.'s Emporium.

The Emporium of Smithson, Palmer & Co., Nos. 55 and 57 Fifth street, present unusual attractions in the way of goods. Indeed the firm seems to have surpassed itself,, for varied and and attractive as their stock is usually, the one they now offer combines these characteristics to a still greater degree. Their store—spacious as are its dimensions—is literally jammed with goods, and the crowds of people visiting their establishment is the strongest evidence that their goods are just such as are wanted. The firm have made a speciality of the *shoe trade*, and in this line their stock is most complete. They have Boots, Shoes, and Gaiters, for ladies, misses, gents and boys' wear, from the finest Kids and Patent Leathers to heavy Kip coarsings. They have also Gum Shoes and Overshoes of every description. These goods are all of the very best material, manufactured in the most substantial, workmanlike manner, and are being sold at prices which will meet the commendation of even the most persistent advocate of low prices.

The stock of Dry Goods is most desirable, embracing a full line of Dress Goods, Shawls, Muslins, and a general assortment of Housebold Goods, such as Towellings, shootings, Tickings, etc. They have also on hand a large assortment of Wales and Gray Blankets, Plain and Fancy Flannels, and also a full assortment of Ready Made Clothing, cut in a most substantial manner.

In Carpets for the Drawing Room, Parlor, Dining Room, Chamber, Hall, Office, Stairs and Kitchen they offer unusual inducements, such as cannot be found at any other establishment.

But besides this they have laid in a large stock of toys and fancy goods expressly for the holidays. These goods embrace every conceivable article in the toy line, and in addition they have an elegant assortment of fancy goods and notions, such as will make handsome presents. The firm are closing out their stock at particularly low prices, and the agents of Santa Claus can find no better place to lay in a supply, as presents for young and old, grave and gay, large and small—in fact for every person—can be found there in such variety as to be almost bewildering. The emporium is at Nos. 55 and 57 Fifth street, and may be easily found by following the crowds pressing thitherward.

Beautiful Display at Spence's.

The ladies are now crowding the extensive and fashionable cloak and mantilla emporium of M. J. Spence, No. 73 Market street, where may be seen one of the most extensive assortments of garments for Ladies and Misses' wear ever offered in this city. The styles are new and just received from those great centers of fashion—Paris, London and New York, and the fabrics are the most elegant we have ever seen. Spence keeps constantly on hand a full line of cloakings, trimmings, buttons, fringes, etc., and as he is always found in the market early and avail themselves of the rare bargains he is offering.

"Prosrastination is the Thief of" More Things than "Time"

Delay may result in not being able to obtain a Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine to make it at all accompanied prompt, as some good woman will be deprived of a real boon. We throw out this hint from the fact that great as is the supply of these instruments, the demand bids fair to exhaust it before the holidays are over. The advantages in getting the Wheeler & Wilson Machine, in preference to any other, are of the most important character. In the first place, it is the *best machine and the cheapest.* It is kept in perfect repair by the proprietors without charge. The work done by it is the only machine work that is preferable in every respect to hand sewing. For a gift there could be nothing more beautiful, useful or appropriate, than one of these inimitable machines, and we say to all, call at the agency, No. 27 Fifth street, and examine before making a purchase.

Gent's Furs

In Collars, Gauntlets, Gloves and Ear Muffs. A great variety are offered *very low* at McCord's, 131 Wood street.

Sugars and Molasses.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that Messrs. J. S. Dilworth & Co., Nos. 130 and 132 Second street, have just received a large invoice of sugars and molasses from New Orleans. The senior member of this firm will remain in the Crescent city for some considerable time, and will continue to ship goods direct to the house in this city.

FERRY STREET PROPERTY AT AUCTION.—At two o'clock P. M., this day, on the premises, will be sold the large dwelling house and lot, No. 58 Ferry street. See advertisement of Smithson, Palmer & Co., in auction column.

The Cry is "Still they Come"—Fresh Arrivals at Joseph Horne & Co.'s, Market Street.

Joseph Horne & Co., Nos. 77 and 79 Market street, are determined that their friends and patrons shall not be disappointed in making perceptible decrease in the amount of beautiful and attractive goods which may be had at their establishment, and although Saturday was one of the greatest days for doing business they ever had, their store appeared yesterday just as well filled with all sorts of Furnishing Goods, Woolen Goods, Notions, etc., as it ever did. The ladies, they received on Saturday, enough of merchandise to set up a respectable sized store. Among the new arrivals, there are several which it is important that the purchasing public should become aware of, and we make a note of them here, accordingly.

Among the goods there are several cases of Brocha Scarfs, very fine and new patterns, at various prices, from fifty cents and upwards. Extra quality linen cambric handkerchiefs only one dollar, and higher according to quality. They also announce the receipt of two cases of Wool Shawls in twenty-five different styles and sizes. This line of goods should be taken note of, as nothing has been offered by Messrs. Jos. Horne & Co., at a cheaper rate than they are now. Fancy knit hoods for ladies and children, of very pretty and attractive styles, and worked slippers, they have a superior stock, the prices of which have been marked down to correspond, of which have been marked down to correspond, while the recent and temporary decline in the market.

We spoke on a former occasion of the stock of handkerchiefs of this establishment, but we only alluded to the beautiful collections of lace, both real and imitation handkerchiefs. Now we want to call the attention of ladies purchasing for the holidays, to the assortment of plain light and dark silk handkerchiefs which can be found here; they have opened a new line of them which, in the words of the showman, "cannot be sech to be appreciated." All the other styles, such as plain, hem stitched, embroidered and lace handkerchiefs, are offered at but a slight advance upon the wholesale cost and we take this occasion to again allude to the ladies' fine scale fur tipped gloves, the thing for this kind of weather. They are very elegant, comfortable and cheap.

The thousand and one items in the Notion Department, such as Purses, Portemonaies, Sleeve Buttons, Breastpins and Earrings, Buckles and Chains, the Parasols and Umbrellas, the Satchels, Work Bags, Traveling Bags, and Toilet Cases, all these deserve to be looked up by those wishing to buy Christmas gifts. Many of these just come up to what one's notion of a present ought to be—*useful and beautiful*, and if your purse should suffer somewhat in these times, remember Christmas comes but once a year.

Meerschaum Pipes, &c.

Those are Holiday times and every gentleman who uses the weed in any shape, or their ladyfriends who desire to make them a suitable present, should not fail to examine the stock offered for sale by Mr. Frederick Smith, No. 54 Sixth street. He has an elegant assortment of Meerschaum Pipes, Tubes, Cigar Cases, Snuff Boxes, Briarwood and Clay Pipes, etc. Besides, he has a large stock of cigars and tobacco, of the best favorite brands. The stock is being sold off at very low prices, and devotees of the weed, who desire a good Cigar or choice brand of Chewing Tobacco, will find Blundin-Schein no doubt willing but fully prepared to supply their wants. It may be proper to state that the Meerschaum Pipes, some of which are of handsome designs, are warranted genuine, so that parties purchasing may rely upon obtaining such a Pipe as the proprietor represents.

Indian Herb Doctor.

"Spring it is cheery,
Winter is dreary,
Green leaves, days but the brown mostly,
When he is shaken,
Lose by Consumption,
What can an old man do but die?"

Why, take the Herb Doctor's Pimple Banisher, to be sure, and with it a new lease of life. The old are made young again, the middle aged rejoice, and the young become doubly brilliant by using this splendid tonic. Dyspepsia, Heartburn, Liver Complaint, Headache, Pains in the Side, Cough in the Back, and all symptoms of Stomach Derangement yield at once to the health-giving influence of the Pimple Banisher.

Doctor's office, No. 194 Liberty street.

Instantaneous Cures.

Corns, Bunions and Diseased Nails.—Dr. Randall, the well known chiropodist, is again in our city, and requests us to state that he can be consulted at his office, corner of Fifth and Ross streets.

Christmas Goods Just Arrived.

The latest arrival of holiday goods has been at Hogg & Oliver's great emporium, No. 74 Fifth street. It's of no use to try to empty their store, for as fast as goods go out new and beautiful ones come in, so that their stock is rich and attractive, while their purchasers get the advantages of a large supply to select from, and are sure at the same time to find the newest things in the market. They have books of every kind in all styles of binding—reading for everybody from the baby to the centenarian, writing desks, bibles, hymn books, prayer books, gift books, toy books, gold pens and pencils, wallets and pocket books, diaries for 1868, chromos, backs ammon boards, engravings, photographs, stereoscopic pictures, games, and fancy goods generally. Drop in and examine the latest invoice of new goods.

Special Notice.

For the benefit of those who cannot get time to visit our salesroom, we will keep it open for ten consecutive evenings, so as to afford everybody a chance to examine and procure one of the *Empire*, or *Wilcox & Gibbs* Sewing Machines. Their points of excellence and superiority are simplicity, noiselessness to get out of order, easy and quiet operation, rapidity in executing, using a straight needle, and the shortest in use, making the best stitch for general purposes, having the best hemmers and other attachments, and no trouble to manage them. It will be to the interest of all who contemplate buying machines to call and examine these at the Sewing Machine Depot for the West, No. 49 St. Clair street. Carson Bros., General Agents.

THE purest and sweetest Cod Liver Oil in the world, manufactured from fresh,[healthy livers, upon the sea shore; it is perfectly pure and sweet. Patients who have once taken it can take no other. Ask for "Hazard and Caswell's Cod Liver Oil," manufactured by CASWELL, HAZARD & CO., New York. Sold by all druggists.

Of What is it Composed?

Until Mishler's celebrated Herb Bitters were introduced by the distinguished inventor, Dr. Mishler, we had nothing of the kind upon which we could depend. Since these Bitters have become known every day's experience adds testimony to the rare qualities of the medicine for dislodging diseases arising from impure blood. These Bitters contain elecampane, burdock, spikenard, sonpwort, Peruvian bark, cedron, buchu, spicewood, mullein, slippery elm, sassafras, sarsaparilla, gentian root, juniper, spirits nitre, balsam copavia, cubebs, dandelion, pure spirits, barberry, iodide potassi and iron, and Dr. Mishler offers a reward of one thousand dollars to any physician or chemist who finds anything else in them. Dr. Mishler's method of compounding these herbs produces the most life giving medicine extant. These Bitters are made only from herbs and possesses greater virtue than any other preparation, imparting a healthy tone to the stomach, purifying the blood, &c., invigorating the entire system and preventing disease with the same wonderful certainty of success as it effects cures in cases where disease has been deeply seated, and we have no hesitation in saying that these Bitters are a very important and beneficial auxiliary in the *Materia medica*. For sale by all respectable druggists. Depot for Holland, Manufacturers of Branch House for Mishler's Herb Bitters, No. 26 Market street, Pittsburgh, Pa. See advertisement in another column.

DR. ARDEN will be professionally at his rooms, 134 Smithfield street, from January 15th to the 20th. tf

An Elegant Stock of Jewelry.

Messrs. Reineman, Meyran & Seidle, who were prevented by fire from moving into their elegant new building, have rendered their temporary storeroom, No. 29 Fifth street, a place of rare beauty, by the display of the magnificent stock of Jewelry, Silver Ware, etc., intended for the finest opening of their new quarters. Indeed it is difficult, if not impossible, to imagine a more elegant stock than that which they offer for the Holidays. They have silverware of the best quality and of most beautiful designs, while their line of jewelry, manufactured of the finest gold, is beyond description. Suffice to say that the stock is complete and embraces elegant rings, broad pins, brooches, bracelets, ear rings, sleeve buttons, diamond sets, etc., in every variety of styles. Then they have an extensive assortment of watches, gold and silver, of American and foreign manufacture, for ladies, gents, and youths, all of which will be warranted to give entire satisfaction. Also, they have an elegant assortment of clocks, some of them of most handsome designs, in bronze, gilt, and other materials, besides which, they have a large stock of fancy articles, such as vases, etc. The display is most magnificent, and purchasers of Christmas presents should not fail to examine them, as the firm are offering all articles at exceedingly low prices.

Holiday Gifts for Gents.

The most popular things for presents to Gentlemen and Youths will be found at Oppenheimer's Gents' Furnishing Goods and Merchant Tailoring Emporium, No. 83 Wood street. The stock embraces all the choicest novelties and articles of taste and comfort for a gentleman, from a fine gold pen to an elegant traveling wrapper. His line of Scarfs, Cravats, Shirts and Underwear is suburb. Our lady friends will please act upon this suggestion.

Great Bargains!

The balance of damaged goods must be closed out this week as we are going to refit the store. Any person wishing a great bargain in overcoats, pants, vests, gents furnishing goods, boys and youths clothing, will find it to their advantage to call at 32 Market street. B. Oppinheimer.

Selling Off at Cost.

A rare stock of Jewelry at Reineman, Meyran & Seidle's, No. 29 Fifth street, prior to removing into their new and elegant building, No. 42 Fifth street. tf.

Mrs. Winslow's Soo hing Syrup

Is the prescription of one of the best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and has been used for many years with great safety, saving safety and success, by millions of mothers for their children. It relieves the child from pain, cures dysentery and diarrhœa, griping in the bowels, and wind colic. By giving health to the child, it rests the mother.

Be sure and call for

"MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP."

Having the *fac-simile* of "Curtis & Perkins" on the outside wrapper. All others are base imitations.

HEADACHE.—Dr. Wilson's pills have become quite popular as a remedy for headache of every description. They have invariably afforded immediate relief, even when other remedies have failed. All druggists in the United States keep them.

Suggestions of the Season.

King Winter has waved his scepter over the land, whitening the earth, bridging the streams, and turning the water falls to pendant crystal.

Upon animated as well as inanimate nature, the frigid atmosphere produces a marked effect. The blood is driven from the surface of the body back upon its inner fountains, and Chills and Fever, Rheumatism, Pulmonary Diseases, Biliousness, and unpleasant disorders of the stomach and bowels are apt to be the results.

Now, what is required to fortify the system against the attacks of diseases thus engendered? Clearly a tonic, which, getting through the stomach, will impart strength to the nervous system, shall undermine the vital fluid to the surface, and brace the nerves of motion and sensation. But this is not all that is required. With the TONIC must be combined such ALTERNATIVE AND REGULATING agencies as will tend to keep the whole animal machinery "in good working order."

These three grand requisites of a winter restorative exist, in their fullest perfection, in HOSTETTER'S CELEBRATED BITTERS, which are compounded of the purest vegetable stimulants and extracts, of the most genial and healthful roots, barks and plants that the herbalists and botanists of the world have yet discovered.

Similia Similibus Curantur.

Coughs and Colds! Coughs and Colds!

SEASONABLE ADVICE.

Let no one neglect a cold or a slight cough. Thousands, dosing so, have had their cold added to another, until the mucous membrane, lining the air passages, has become excessively irritated, and even permanently thickened, and soon simple cough, chronic pneumonitis, and consumption successively gallop along. The best time to cure all this is when it begins. If you are so fortunate as to possess a case of HUMPHREY'S SPECIFIC HOMŒOPATHIC REMEDIES, and if you do not, you ought to at once take a COUGH PILL, and then two or three pills per day, with the view of removing exposure. It will bring you all right in a day or two.

If your cough has got further along, then more care and more patience is necessary for a cure, though it lies in the same direction. Our advice is, to keep the feet warm, the head cool, and take HUMPHREYS' HOMŒOPATHIC COUGH PILLS. Price, 25 cents per box. Six boxes for $1 25.

FAMILY CASES

Of 35 large vials, morocco case, containing a specific for every ordinary disease a family is subject to and a book of directions - $10 00

Smaller FAMILY and TRAVELING cases with 20 to 28 vials from - $5 to $8

Specifics for all PRIVATE DISEASES, both for CURING and for PREVENTIVE treatment, in vials and pocket cases, - $2 to 5

These Remedies, by the case or single box, are sent to any part of the country, by Mail or Express, free of charge, on receipt of the price. Address HUMPHREYS' HOMŒOPATHIC

Hom œopathic Medicine Company,

Office and Depot, No. 562 Broadway, New York.

Dr. Humphreys is consulted daily at his office, personally or by letter, as above, for all forms of disease.

E. L. FAHNESTOCK & CO.,
Wholesale Agents.

A. Torrence, Geo. H. Hopper, R. Miner, Joe Fleming, McClarran & McKennan, have them at retail.

MARRIED:

FINK—MCQUISTON—On Thursday, December 26th, 1867, by the Rev. J. G. Wallace, at the residence of the bride's parents, Coulterville, Pa., Mr. JOHN J. FINK, of Venango county, and Miss JENNIE MCQUISTON.

BAILEY—DALZELL—On Wednesday evening, December 25th, at the residence of the bride's parent, by the Rev. S. E. Scovill, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Jacobus, JAMES M. BAILEY and MARTHA E. DALZELL, daughter of James Daizell, Esq.

SCAIFE—VERNER—On Tuesday evening, December 24, by the Rev. Bishop Simpson, D. D., Mr. HENRY B. SCAIFE and PRISCILLA M. VERNER, daughter of James Verner, Esq.

DIED:

GORDON—On Thursday morning, December 26th, 1867, ROBERT GORDON, in the twenty-second year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on the 28th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., from his late residence, No. 53 Webster st., Allegheny city.

MCQUEWAN—On Thursday morning, 26th inst., by MARY REID, the beloved wife of John McQuewan, in the sixty seventh year of her age.

Funeral on SATURDAY, 28th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of Van B. Fowler, No. 309 Rebecca street, Allegheny city.

EBBERT—On December 27th, at 10 o'clock A. M., CHARLES EBBERT, aged twenty years.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, No. 10 Fourth street, THIS AFTERNOON, 28th inst., at 2 o'clock.

BELL—On Friday morning at 5 o'clock, Miss MARY BELL, in the fifty fourth year of her age.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, Robinson township, THIS DAY, December 28th, at 12 o'clock M. Cars will leave Union Depot at 11 o'clock, returning at 2. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Wheeler & Wilson's Improved Family Sewing Machine would be the most acceptable, desirable and durable. WM. SUMNER & CO., No. 27 Fifth street, invite all to call and examine their splendid stock before purchasing elsewhere.

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Interest in Gold at 6 per cent. from that date.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, December 27, 1867.

There was very little discounting done today at any of the banks or private discount places. The disposition to hold over for the New Year before making new investments is quite general among those who chance to have a small balance to their credit on hand. It is therefore exceedingly difficult to place any grade of paper. But as we remarked before, the tone of feeling in the market is healthier and more buoyant of an earlier improvement as to the supply, and an abatement of the heavy rates which have been current for the use of money.

—There is scarcely a transaction in local stocks—either bank, insurance, railroad, oil, or any of the heavier securities. Allegheny Valley Railroad bonds are firmer and holders are better pleased with their investments since the road has been completed to Oil City. As Phillips, the indomitable president, has achieved such wonderful results since he was called to take charge of the affairs of a company that was once considered hopelessly gone—that no one can now predict the vast amount of good to this city, by the establishing of a shorter, more direct, and a route of easy grades, from this city to New York, and a road that will connect with many of the leading railway outlets of that city. What Pittsburgh needs is more direct railroad communication with New York, which is in a promising way of being accomplished by way of the Allegheny Valley Railroad.

—Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co., bankers, report the following quotations for government, as received from Jay Cooke & Co., their New York correspondents:—U. S. 6s, 1881, 112¼; U. S. 5-20s, 1862, 108½; do 1864, 105¾; do 1865, May and November, 105½; do 1865, January and July, 105¾; U. S. 10-40s, 101¾; May 1865, Compounds, 117⅝; August 7-30's ——; June 7-30s, 104⅝; July 7-30s 104⅝; Gold, 135⅜; 5-20s 1867, 108¾.

—Messrs. Jay Cooke, Brady & Co., bankers, report the following rates for governments today:—Gold, 135⅞; U. S. 6s, 1881, 112¼; U. S. 5-20s, 1862, 108½; do 1864, 105¾; do 1865, 105⅝; U. S. 10-40s, 101⅝; U. S. 5-20s, January and July, 108¼; do 1867, 108¾; June 7-30s, 104⅝; July, do 104⅝; May Compounds, 1865, 117⅝.

—No important changes to-day in the Railway stock market. The quotations were as follows: Michigan Southern, 85½; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 88; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 99⅝; Erie, 73½; Chicago & Northwestern, 75⅝.

The Weekly Wall Street Reporter is the title of a new financial weekly paper that was started some five weeks ago. It is devoted to finance in all its multiform phases—stocks, gold, railroad dividends, bonds, and commercial statistics which are arranged conveniently for reference. The general getting up of this new publication is both creditable to the industry and intelligence of its editor, Mr. Julius Wilcox. It is furnished to subscribers by mail at $5 00 a year.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, December 27, 1867.

Business—The market exhibitec slight signs of improvement, principally for future delivery. Prices are without material change. The largest portion of the operations were for filling contracts. The Allegheny river is now in excellent navigable order from Brandywine and Bonnel. The first tow of oil bulk boats came in yesterday. The oil by that channel reached 3,000 bbls. The Eastern markets are very active. The afternoon dispatches furnished the following quotations: Philadelphia refined 23½ @ 24c ₩ gallon; Boston 24c; New York, P. I. S to W. 25c; S W. 24@24½c. Crude 16c ₩ gallon; in bulk 9 ₩ gallon. In our own market the transactions were confined to small lots at former prices. The crude receipts from all points were 3,000 bbls, principally by the river. Oil City market was quoted dull at 9@9½c ₩ bbl. Sales, 1,000 bbls, regular, at 9½c ₩ bbl. Refined was dull and lower; sales 2,000 bbls bulk, spot, at 2c, and 1,000 bbls do at 3c ₩ gallon.

Rumors—The principal sales were for future delivery, viz: Sales, 500 bbls S. white Philadelphia, January, at 25½c; 500 bbls do, February, at 25½c; 1,000 bbls do on the same terms and conditions; 500 bbls do, March, at 25½c; 1,000 bbls for January delivery, Philadelphia, at 25½ ₩ gallon.

Oil Receipts per River and Rail.

Brown Oil Co., 50 bbls; Hamilton & Co., 200 bbls; Mawhinney & Co., 300 bbls; James Wilkins, 50 bbls; ——, 2,000 bbls; ——, 2,000 bbls; ——, 2,000